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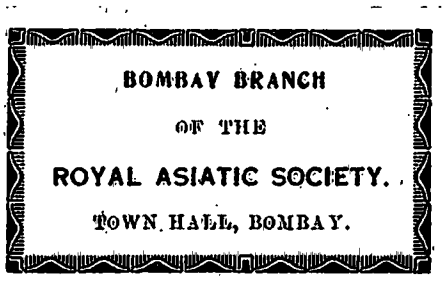

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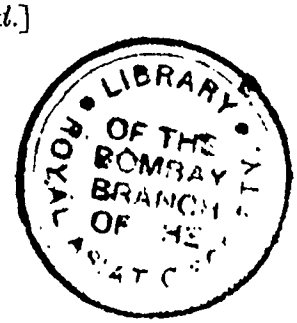

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS,
BOMBAY PRESIDENCY,
SECRETARIAT, BOMBAY.
The 25th March 1931.

From

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Registrar of Trade Unions, Bombay Presidency,
Secretariat, Bombay.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY,
Political Department, Bombay.

Subject.—Annual Report on the Working of the Indian Trade Unions Act (No. XVI of 1926) for the year 1929-30.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the working of the Indian Trade Unions Act in the Bombay Presidency for the year ended the 31st March 1930.

2. This Report, which was due to be submitted to Government on the 1st of September 1930, has been delayed largely owing to the difficulty of obtaining accurate returns from the Unions. In order to expedite and facilitate the submission of returns, a circular letter was issued on the 17th April 1930 to all the registered Trade Unions in the Presidency from whom annual returns for the year ended 31st March 1930 were due to be received, reminding them of their obligation under section 28 of the Act and sending them a comprehensive list of instructions for properly filling in the returns. In spite of this, very few Unions submitted their returns by the prescribed date. In the case of the remaining Unions, numerous reminders followed by notices threatening action under section 10 of the Act had to be issued, and, in the case of certain Unions whose head offices are situated in Bombay city, many personal calls at the offices of the Unions had to be made before the returns were forthcoming. Moreover, most of the returns that had been received were found to be defective and these had to be returned, more than once in many cases, for rectification.

3. The number of Unions registered during the year under report was nine which, with the 38 registrations up to the end of March 1929, brought the total number of registrations during the

period from 1st June 1927 to 31st March 1930 to 47. Out of the Unions registered prior to the year under report, the head office of the All India and Burmah Covenanted Non-Gazetted Railway Services Association was transferred to Lahore and its name was automatically removed from the register. The registrations of five other Unions were cancelled on the 21st February 1930 for failure to submit any returns for the year ended 31st March 1929. Two other Unions which had amalgamated to form a new Union were also removed from the register in October 1928. There were thus only 39 registered Trade Unions from whom annual general statements were due to be received for the year ended 31st March 1930.

4. Out of these 39 Unions, only seven Unions submitted their annual returns by the prescribed date. Many Unions asked for extensions of time which were granted. The G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, whose books of accounts were stated to have been taken away by the police in connection with the Byculla Bomb Case, and the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, whose executive was split up into two rival factions, submitted their proper annual statements only in February 1931 while the Karachi Port Trust Labour Union sent in its statement only in the third week of March 1931. The Chinchpokli Textile Workmen's Union, Bombay, and the G. I. P. Railway Kamgar Union, Bombay became defunct. The Mazagon Dock Employees Union, Bombay, and the Karachi Flour Mills Workers' Union, Karachi, did not submit any returns. The Sind Workers' Union, Hyderabad (Sind), submitted a return which was sent back to it for rectification but no amended return was received from the Union. The registrations of these five Unions were therefore cancelled in accordance with section 10 of the Act.

5. Table A appended to this Report gives full information regarding the composition of the membership, income and expenditure, and opening and closing balances in respect of the 33 individual Unions which submitted annual returns for the year under report. Table B gives similar information for the one registered Federation. The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma was the only Union which maintained a Political Fund—in connection with the election of the Union's representative to the Legislative Assembly. The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union and the Ambernath Labour Union reported debit balances in the General Fund Account.

6. During the year under report no appeals were preferred against any of the decisions of the Registrar. In accordance with the practice in previous reports I have printed, in Appendix "A" a list of some of the rulings given by me during the year.

7. The particulars furnished in most of the returns were, as pointed out already, defective. As in the previous year, the entries made against the heads "Contributions from members at ....." on the income side of the General Fund Account and "Unpaid subscriptions due....." on the Assets side of the Statement of Liabilities and Assets and the treatment of irrecoverable subscriptions to be written off, were not properly dealt with, with the result that lengthy discussions and correspondence had to be entered into

with many Unions before the correct particulars were obtained. Details of the items which were required to be specified were also not furnished. In some cases, the balances of membership and General Fund Account brought forward from the previous year did not tally with the corresponding closing balances for the previous year. The remarks passed by the auditors of some of the more important railway and textile Unions showed that proper records of membership, as well as of receipts and disbursements of moneys, were either not maintained or were maintained in a haphazard manner and that in several cases the provisions of the Act, as well as of the Unions' own constitution, were violated. Several substantial discrepancies were also noticed in the copies of rules attached to the returns in many cases. The Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay, and the G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, for instance, furnished copies of their rules which were prepared by them prior to registration. On the attention of these Unions being drawn to this fact proper copies of the rules were submitted. The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, whose records had been removed to Meerut in connection with the Meerut Conspiracy Case, had no copy of the original registered constitution except a Marathi translation of it which was found to differ in many respects from the original registered rules. Two copies of the registered constitution were furnished to the Union at its request.

8. The following table shows the composition of the assets of each of the 33 Unions which submitted returns for the year ended 31st March 1930, under the four heads : (1) Cash (either in hand or in a Bank or Banks); (2) Securities; (3) Unpaid Subscriptions Due; and (4) Miscellaneous.

Statement showing the details of the Assets of Trade Unions Registered at the close of the year ended 31st March 1930.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Textile Industry.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay (23rd December 1927).	2,992 13 11	.....	52 0 0	628 15 7
2	The Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay (21st May 1928).	6 4 0	.....	.....	877 8 0
3	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay (23rd May 1928).	66 2 4	.....	.....	6,633 11 0
4	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay (1st June 1928).	188 5 6	.....	147 12 0	81 2 0
	Total ...	3,253 9 9	.....	199 12 0	8,221 4 7

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	Railways, including Railway Workshops.				
5	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad (27th October 1927).	2,691 6 5	.....	.....	530 8 0
6	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay (31st October 1927).	11,136 2 5	6,661 14 0	3,770 7 0	2,260 4 1
7	The Wadi Bunder Staff Union (G. I. P. Railway), Bombay (7th November 1927).	2,633 0 7	.....	380 2 0	.....
8	The G. I. P. Railway Cabin Staff Union, Bombay (19th January 1928).	72 12 11	.....	217 14 0	.....
9	The G. I. P. Railway Poona Staff Union, Poona (21st May 1928).	360 12 1	.....	77 10 0	12 12 0
10	The G. I. P. Railway Sholapur Staff Union, Sholapur (13th June 1928).	463 13 9	.....	106 6 0	25 9 1
11	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay (22nd August 1928).	33,892 1 0	14,068 12 0	4,182 14 3	3,581 3 2
12	The G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union, Bombay (5th October 1928).	2,958 4 10	1,997 12 6	.....	6,161 14 0
13	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay (10th October 1928).	1,628 13 4	.....	41 10 0	202 0 0
14	The V. T. Commercial Section Staff Union (G. I. P. Railway), Bombay (12th October 1928).	226 0 0	.....	76 14 0	205 0 0
15	The G. I. P. Railway Mechanical Department Office Staff Union, Bombay (15th October 1928).	300 14 0	.....	237 8 0	.....
16	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay (20th February 1930).	593 12 0	.....	77 0 0	.....
	Total ...	56,960 13 4	22,728 6 6	9,168 7 3	12,979 2 4
	Seamen.				
17	The Indian Seamen's Union, Bombay (1st December 1927).	94 14 0	.....	1,14,859 0 0	1,593 6 9
	Total ...	94 14 0	.....	1,14,859 0 0	1,593 6 9

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Municipal.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
18	The Bombay Municipal Workmen's Union, Bombay (24th August 1927).	1,071 4 6	.....	32 4 0	374 4 6
19	The Karachi Municipal Sweepers' Union, Karachi (5th January 1928).	232 7 1	.....	.....	297 1 6
20	The Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh, Bombay (29th January 1929).	111 13 0	.....	.....	.....
21	The Karachi Municipal Labour Union, Karachi (24th February 1930).	229 7 0	.....	.....	55 0 0
	Total ...	1,644 15 7	.....	32 4 0	726 6 0
	Port Trust and Dock Workers.				
22	The R. I. M. Dock Workers' Union, Bombay (24th May 1928).	389 14 9	.....	300 0 0	62 10 0
23	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay (4th January 1929).	8,117 2 6	5,691 10 8	3,462 6 0	912 4 10
24	The Karachi Port Trust Labour Union, Karachi (28th February 1929).	498 9 3	.....	.....	877 12 9
25	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay (12th September 1929).	5,966 15 0	.....	669 8 0	304 8 9
	Total ...	14,972 9 6	5,691 10 8	4,431 14 0	2,157 4 4
	Miscellaneous.				
26	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay (24th May 1928).	1,016 10 2	.....	331 4 0	174 8 0
27	The Bank Peons' Union, Bombay (16th August 1928).	373 1 3	.....	365 12 0	29 12 0
28	The Bombay Telephone Company Employees' Union, Bombay (21st August 1928).	598 14 9	.....	159 12 0	73 0 0
29	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay (12th September 1928).	2,775 14 1	.....	3,123 0 0	118 0 0
30	The Clerks' Union, Bombay (8th October 1928).	257 4 5	.....	1,146 0 0	95 0 0
31	The Ambernath Labour Union, Ambernath (29th January 1929).	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay (31st August 1929).	167 13 0	.....	111 0 0	.....
33	The Karachi Motor Drivers' Union, Karachi (17th February 1930).	34 13 5	.....	.....	715 0 0
	Total ...	5,224 7 1	.....	5,236 12 0	1,204 14 0
	Grand Total ...	82,151 5 3	28,420 1 2	1,33,928 1 3	26,882 6 0

The principal liability of the majority of the Unions was the General Fund and the total amount of liabilities under other heads for all the above Unions amounted to Rs. 27,355-13-5 as against total assets amounting to Rs. 2,71,381-13-8, the difference between these two figures representing the amount at the credit of the General Fund Account. The figure for total assets includes a sum of Rs. 1,33,928 for Unpaid Subscriptions (amounting in the case of one Union to Rs. 1,14,859) and it is doubtful what is the real value of them. The Assets of the Federation were made up of cash amounting to Rs. 860-4-11, Unpaid Subscriptions (in this case Affiliation Fees) Due amounting to 'Rs. 623-6-0 and Miscellaneous Assets amounting to Rs. 146-7-0. The liabilities of the Federation were composed of the General Fund Account amounting to Rs. 1,351-13-11 and other liabilities amounting to Rs. 278-4-0.

9. The growth of the Trade Union movement in the Bombay Presidency is reviewed every quarter in the *Labour Gazette*, and it is not necessary to cover the same ground in this Report. According to the list of Trade Unions maintained by the Labour Office of the Government of Bombay, the number of Unions at the beginning of the year under report was 95, with a total membership of 200,325, which increased to 99 with a membership of 196,748 towards the close of the year 1929. The corresponding figures at the close of the year under report were 94 and 144,409.

10. The number of Trade Unions registered does not give a complete idea of the work involved in registration. In numerous cases where a Union applied for registration, the application and the copy of rules forwarded therewith were incomplete or defective and they therefore had to be closely scrutinized, and returned with suggestions for redrafting the rules and for properly filling in the application form. In a few cases, the rules had to be entirely redrafted in this office. All the Unions whose rules and applications had been returned for rectification, did not resubmit their applications during the year. In addition to dealing with these applications, enquiries with regard to the preliminaries to registration under the Act received from Unions already formed or in the process of formation, were also attended to.

11. As will be clear from the preceding paragraphs considerable latitude has been given to the Unions in the matter of submitting their returns and every assistance has been given to them in preparing them, but the year under review showed in these respects no improvement over the previous year. It is a matter for consideration whether such latitude should continue to be given having regard to the fact that the Act has now been in operation for nearly four years so that its requirements should be well-known to officials of Trade Unions. One difficulty appears to be that the latter change so often, while those that are reasonably permanent seem, with a few exceptions, strangely ignorant of the provisions of the Act under which they are registered and make little effort to adapt their organisations to the simple requirements of the Act.

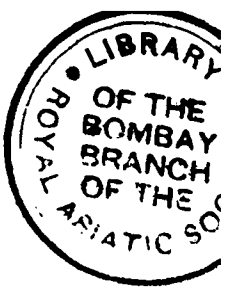
12. I am again indebted to my assistant Mr. N. A. Mehrban and to Mr. S. S. Rajagopalan, Statistical Assistant in the Labour Office for the excellent work they have done throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. F. GENNINGS,
Registrar of Trade Unions,
Bombay Presidency.



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Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year.	Number of members.						
	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year.			Subscribing to political fund.
					Males.	Females.	Total.	
	Textile Industry.							
1	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay (23rd December 1927).	5,959	97	5,220	836	...	836	...
2	The Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay (21st May 1928).	1,200	...	...	1,200	...	1,200	...
3	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay (23rd May 1928).	44,822	...	42,472	2,350	...	2,350	...
4	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay (1st June 1928).	528	92	...	616	4	620	...
	Total ...	52,509	189	47,692	5,002	4	5,006	...
	Railways, including Railway Workshops.							
5	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad (27th October 1927).	3,846	3,114	3,012	3,940	8	3,948	...
6	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay (31st October 1927).	6,147	697	92	6,752	...	6,752	...
7	The Wadi Bunder Staff Union (G. I. P. Railway), Bombay (7th November 1927).	597	109	51	655	...	655	...
8	The G. I. P. Railway Cabin Staff Union, Bombay (19th January 1928).	496	...	84	412	...	412	...
9	The G. I. P. Railway Poona Staff Union, Poona (21st May 1928).	334	...	145	189	...	189	...
10	The G. I. P. Railway Sholapur Staff Union, Sholapur (13th June 1928).	206	357	233	330	...	330	..
11	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay (22nd August 1928).	1,697	509	59	2,104	43	2,147	25
12	The G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union, Bombay (5th October 1928).	41,000	640	...	41,440	200	41,640	...
13	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay (10th October 1928).	304	164	24	444	...	444	...

A.

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
6,545 11 1	6,316 9 8	11,288 0 9	1,574 4 0	...	...	...	...
743 8 0	3,660 0 0	3,609 12 0	793 12 0	...	...	...	...
64,549 6 3	26,567 7 10	95,521 5 0	*—4,404 6 11**	...	...	...	...
667 7 0	1,612 15 0	1,904 2 6	376 3 6	...	...	...	...
72,506 0 4	38,157 0 6	112,323 4 3	*—1,660 3 6*	...	...	...	...
7,405 7 5	6,900 13 5	11,480 10 5	2,825 10 5	...	...	...	...
30,176 10 9	13,828 14 3	20,934 3 6	23,071 5 6	...	...	...	...
1,144 0 9	3,949 10 10	2,080 9 0	3,013 2 7	...	...	...	...
596 0 9	662 6 2	967 12 0	290 10 11	...	...	...	...
418 1 3	1,234 0 7	1,200 15 9	451 2 1	...	...	...	...
230 5 6	1,289 8 10	962 3 6	557 10 10	...	...	...	...
53,316 10 3	51,120 12 10	51,686 0 8	53,351 6 5	...	32 12 0	...	32 12 0
30,719 2 10	66,473 2 7	1,12,910 11 3	4,281 10 2	...	...	...	...
1,152 9 5	1,084 14 5	1,240 14 6	996 9 4	...	...	...	...

* Excess of expenditure over income.

FORM

Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year. Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Number of members. At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year. Males.	Females.	Total.	Subscribing to political fund.
	Railways, including Railway Workshops. —contd.							
14	The V. T. Commercial Section Staff Union (G. I. P. Railway), Bombay (12th October 1926).	130	40	20	150	...	150	...
15	The G. I. P. Railway Mechanical Department Office Staff Union, Bombay (13th October 1928).	210	14	23	201	...	201	...
16	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay (20th February 1930).	300	115	5	410	...	410	...
	Total ...	55,267	5,759	3,748	57,027	251	57,278	25
	Seamen.							
17	The Indian Seamen's Union, Bombay (1st December 1927).	21,613	1,534	14	23,133	...	23,133	...
	Total ...	21,613	1,534	14	23,133	...	23,133	...
	Municipal.							
18	The Bombay Municipal Workmen's Union, Bombay (24th August 1927).	1,409	...	1,119	243	47	290	...
19	The Karachi Municipal Sweepers' Union, Karachi (5th January 1928).	731	133	...	566	298	864	...
20	The Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh, Bombay (29th January 1929).	219	36	21	172	62	234	...
21	The Karachi Municipal Labour Union, Karachi (24th February 1930).	...	377	92	285	...	285	...
	Total ...	2,359	546	1,232	1,266	407	1,673	...
	Port Trust and Dock Workers.							
22	The R. I. M. Dock Workers' Union, Bombay (24th May 1928).	676	85	354	407	...	407	...
23	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay (4th January 1929).	1,910	112	361	1,661	...	1,661	...

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
328 14 0	425 0 0	296 0 0	457 14 0	...	...	...	...
206 10 0	672 0 0	510 4 0	368 6 0	...	...	...	...
351 8 0	967 14 0	648 10 0	670 12 0	...	...	...	...
1,46,646 0 11	1,48,609 1 11	2,04,918 14 7	90,336 4 3	...	32 12 0	...	32 12 0
93,387 7 9	70,994 13 0	48,535 0 0	1,15,847 4 9	...	...	...	...
93,387 7 9	70,994 13 0	48,535 0 0	1,15,847 4 9	...	...	...	...
1,721 10 0	1,075 11 0	1,386 0 0	1,411 5 0	...	...	...	...
*—15 6 11**	2,728 5 0	2,313 5 6	399 8 7	...	...	...	...
69 12 0	697 8 0	655 7 0	111 13 0	...	...	...	...
11 0 0	649 5 6	425 14 6	234 7 0	...	...	...	...
1,776 15 1	5,150 13 6	4,780 11 0	2,157 1 7	...	...	...	...
1,123 2 9	2,123 14 6	2,559 0 6	688 0 9	...	...	...	...
15,065 12 4	5,732 10 2	2,614 14 6	18,183 8 0	...	...	..	...

* Debit balance.

FORM

Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year. Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Number of members. At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year. Males.	Females.	Total.	Subscribing to political fund.
	Port Trust and Dock Workers—contd.							
24	The Karachi Port Trust Labour Union, Karachi (28th February 1929).	684	552	248	986	2	988	...
25	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay (12th September 1929).	756	186	12	930	...	930	...
	Total ...	4,026	935	975	3,984	2	3,986	...
	Miscellaneous.							
26	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay (24th May 1928).	881	5	516	370	...	370	...
27	The Bank Peons' Union, Bombay (16th August 1928).	315	1	2	314	...	314	...
28	The Bombay Telephone Company Employees' Union, Bombay (21st August 1928).	206	9	31	184	...	184	...
29	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay (12th September 1928).	767	85	...	852	...	852	..
30	The Clerks' Union, Bombay (8th October 1928).	375	143	...	516	2	518	...
31	The Ambernath Labour Union, Ambernath (29th January 1929).	729	89	598	199	21	220	...
32	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay (31st August 1929).	...	631	...	631	...	631	...
33	The Karachi Motor Drivers' Union, Karachi (17th February 1930).	...	550	50	500	...	500	...
	Total ...	3,273	1,513	1,197	3,566	23	3,589	...
	Grand Total ...	1,39,047	10,476	54,858	93,978	687	94,665	25

* Excess of expenditure

Names of Unions that have not submitted their annual

1. The Mazagon Dock Employees' Union, Bombay (8th
2. The Chinchpokli Textile Workmen's Union, Bombay
3. The G. I. P. Railway Kamgar Union, Bombay (10th
4. The Sind Workers' Union, Hyderabad, Sind (27th
5. The Karachi Flour Mills Workers' Union, Karachi
6. The All India and Burmah Covenanted Non-Gazetted been transferred to Lahore).

A—*concld.*

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
409 9 6	5,147 10 0	4,323 0 6	1,234 3 0	...	...	...	...
6,367 3 3	3,921 5 0	3,347 8 6	6,940 15 9	...	...	...	...
22,965 11 10	16,925 7 8	12,844 8 0	27,046 11 6	...	...	...	...
1,629 11 6	1,239 0 5	1,366 11 9	1,502 0 2	...	...	...	...
475 2 6	734 6 0	444 5 3	765 3 3	...	...	...	...
599 2 6	880 11 0	664 10 9	815 2 9	...	...	...	...
4,040 1 6	10,313 9 10	8,602 13 3	5,749 14 1	...	...	...	...
661 8 5	1,500 1 6	663 5 6	1,498 4 5	...	...	...	...
93 6 6	2,252 5 3	3,073 14 3	-728 2 6*	...	...		...
.....	571 12 0	292 15 0	278 13 0	...	...	...	...
.....	2,801 0 0	2,383 5 7	417 10 5	...	...	...	...
7,499 0 11	20,291 14 0	17,492 1 4	10,298 13 7	...	...	...	...
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over income.
returns for 1929-30—
January 1929).
(5th August 1929).
October 1929).
November 1929).
(10th February 1930).
Railway Services Association, Bombay (8th March 1928). (The head office of this Union had

Form B.

Return of Federations registered at close of year.	Number of Unions.				General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Name of Federation (and Date of Registration).	At beginning of year.	Affiliated.	Disaffiliated.	At end of year.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
					Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
The G. I. P. Railway Staff Union (17th August 1928)	9	3	2	10	731 3 10	7,483 2 0	6,862 7 11	1,351 13 11	...	...	...	.....
Total ...	9	3	2	10	731 3 10	7,483 2 0	6,862 7 11	1,351 13 11	...	...	...	.....

APPENDIX A.

Some Rulings of the Registrar of Trade Unions, Bombay Presidency, in connection with the Interpretation of the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926, and the Bombay Trade Unions Regulations, 1927

Re: *Sec. 2 (b) of the Act.*—An auditor cannot be an officer of a Trade Union. All members of the executive of a Trade Union are officers. Therefore an auditor cannot be a member of the executive. But the use of the term "auditor" must be in reference to the Union itself and not to the general profession of auditors. That is to say, a person specifically appointed by a Union to be its auditor cannot take part in the management of the Union. It does not mean that a member of the profession cannot become a member of the executive of a Union. Therefore an auditor can become an honorary member and be on the executive. If, however, he is appointed to audit the accounts of a Union he *ipso facto* is disqualified from being an officer and therefore ceases to be a member of the executive.

Re: *Sec. 6 (e) of the Act.*—(1) There is nothing in the section to prevent a Trade Union being concerned with several industries and so long as a man is connected with one of these he is eligible for membership.

(2) The Act does not restrict the territory which the membership of a Trade Union should cover.

Re: *Sec. 6 (i) of the Act.*—It is not objectionable for a secretary to hold a small amount of cash for office expenses even if the rules of a Union do not definitely provide for this.

Re: *Proviso to Sec. 10 of the Act.*—As far as a notice from the Registrar is concerned, his liability for seeing that notice is given under section 10 ceases with the postal registration of the notice sent to the registered address of the

Union, as it would obviously not be possible to have the notice pasted on the premises of a Union's office in all cases.

Re : *Sec. 15(c) of the Act.*—The term " defence " occurring in this section includes the provision of " bail ". A " bail deposit fund " organised by a Union for the purpose of furnishing bail deposits and standing security in cases of cognizable offences in relation to its members cannot form part of a Union's general fund.

Re : *Sec. 15(i) of the Act.*—" Periodical " in this section is not confined to a paper owned and controlled by a Union.

Re : *Sec. 22 of the Act.*—The term " officers " occurring in this section is not used to mean only members of the executive. If a Union is constituted in such a way that the president, vice-president and members of the executive form the governing body and there are also a secretary and treasurer who are not on that committee, the latter would, nevertheless, have to be regarded as officers and added to the executive committee in order to ascertain the percentage of honorary members that could be admitted to the Union.

Re : *Sec. 28 of the Act.*—An annual general statement which lacks fundamental facts and figures cannot be considered as a statutory return and cannot therefore be accepted by the Registrar. A Union cannot plead in defence, if action under section 10 is taken against it, that it did submit a return if such a return lacked vital information.

Re : *Regulation 18 (4).*—There is no objection to a member of the executive committee auditing the accounts of a Union in the case of a small Union, subject to the provisions of Regulation No. 19.

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS,

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY,

SECRETARIAT, BOMBAY.

The 11th January 1933.

From

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Registrar of Trade Unions, Bombay Presidency,

Secretariat, Bombay;

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF BOMBAY,

Political Department, Bombay.

Subject.—Annual Report on the Working of the Indian Trade Unions Act (No. XVI of 1926) for the year 1931-32.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the working of the Indian Trade Unions Act in the Bombay Presidency for the year ended 31st March 1932.

2. As in previous years, difficulty was experienced this year in securing correct and complete annual returns from the Unions although in order to facilitate the proper filling-in of the returns by the Union officials, a circular letter was issued early in April 1931, reminding the Unions of their obligations under section 28 of the Act and giving detailed instructions for the proper compilation of their annual statements. It was stated in the circular letter that if there still remained any doubt or difficulty in regard to the proper filling-in of the return the Unions might consult the office of the Registrar of Trade Unions. Out of the 38 Unions whose annual returns were due to be received, only seven had to submit returns for the first time; yet only a few returns were received by the prescribed date, i.e. the 31st July 1932, and all of them were incorrect in some respect or another. Numerous reminders in addition to letters threatening action under the penal provisions of the Act had to be sent to the Unions before we could get their returns, eleven Unions requiring no fewer than five or more reminders. Even when they were received, the returns were not always in order, and this involved lengthy correspondence, although in Bombay City this was obviated

to some extent as it was possible to see the officials of the Unions and discuss with them the defects in their returns. This procedure proved helpful both to this office and to the Union officials but it could not be applied to the Unions whose head offices are situated outside Bombay City and it is these Unions whose returns were very late, especially some in Sind. For instance, the annual return of the Karachi Municipal Sweepers' Union was not received until October 1932. It had to be returned for rectification, and was not received back in this office till the 3rd January 1933. There is rarely any real excuse for these inordinate delays and I am afraid that the only way to impress upon Trade Union officials a sense of their responsibility in this matter is to amend the Act so as to provide for the automatic infliction of a penalty when returns are not sent in time, the amount of the penalty increasing in proportion to the extent of the delay, the Registrar having power to remit the penalty at his discretion. The procedure prescribed in section 31 of the Act to deal with failure to submit returns is both cumbrous and costly, involving as it does the prosecution of the offender in the Court of a Presidency Magistrate or a First Class Magistrate in order to recover a fine which cannot exceed 50 rupees and may only amount to five rupees. If, however, the present delay continues I propose to approach Government next year for sanction to prosecute in these cases, because the present laxity on the part of Union officials imposes an unfair burden on the staff of the Labour Office which has not been increased to meet the extra work involved in the administration of the Trade Unions Act.

3. During the year under report, seven new Unions were registered, the total number of registrations as at 31st March 1932 amounting to 59. The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, which was registered during the year, is an amalgamation of the G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, and the G. I. P. Railway Staff Union, Bombay, whose registrations were thus automatically cancelled. The registration of the Indian Seamen's Union, Bombay, was cancelled on the 29th March 1932 at its own request, and the Union was re-registered the next day under the new name of the National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay. Of the total number of registrations, 21 had been cancelled prior to 31st March 1932, and there remained therefore 38 Unions from whom annual returns for the year under report were due to be received.

4. Of these 38 Unions, five submitted their annual returns by the prescribed date. The delay in the submission of the returns of the other Unions was stated to be due to changes of officers in certain cases and to the time taken for audit in several others. It was therefore necessary to grant extensions of time for submitting the returns and such extensions were granted once to twelve Unions and more than once in a few cases. The returns of 18 Unions were received in August, two in September, four in October and three in November 1932. The R. I. M. Dock Workers' Union, Bombay, the G. I. P. Railway Sholapur Staff Union, Sholapur, and the Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh, Bombay, became defunct. The Bombay Municipal Workmen's Union, Bombay,

the Karachi Oil Installation Workers' Union, Karachi, and the Karachi Municipal Sweepers and Drainagemen and Lower Grade Staff Union, Karachi, failed to submit their annual returns in spite of repeated reminders. The registrations of these six Unions have therefore been cancelled. It was stated in paragraph 4 of my last year's report that notices of cancellation of registration had been served on the G. I. P. Railway Cabin Staff Union, Bombay, the G. I. P. Railway Mechanical Department Office Staff Union, Bombay, and the Hubli Textile Labour Union, Hubli, for not furnishing their returns for the year ended 31st March 1931. The registrations of the first two Unions were cancelled. The Hubli Textile Labour Union, however, furnished its return and the notice of cancellation was withdrawn. As the majority of the returns received were not in order and had therefore to be returned to the Unions concerned for rectification, there was a further delay before they were finally accepted. Only one return could be accepted for final tabulation before the end of July, seven in August, 10 in September, three in October, six in November, four in December and the remaining one as late as the 5th January 1933.

5. A steady improvement was noticeable in the completeness of the returns received this year when compared to those of the previous year. The number of cases in which up-to-date copies of rules were not appended to the returns as required was comparatively few. There was more agreement than is usual in the figures for membership and balances of funds with those entered for the previous year and fewer Unions failed to attach copies of their auditors' remarks. Two main defects noticed in many of the returns were in regard to the proper allocation of items of expenditure and the notification of changes of officers.

6. The number of Unions whose annual accounts for the year under report were audited by auditors qualified to audit company accounts was 25 although under rule 18 of the Bombay Trade Unions Regulations, 1927, only six of these Unions need have engaged such auditors. The auditors' remarks show that in some Unions including the more important Textile, Railway and Seamen's Unions, the register of members was not properly maintained and that the auditors had to rely on the oral statements of Union officials for figures relating to arrears of contributions due. In a few cases, the accounts and records were reported not to have been properly maintained and in some others the amount of cash on hand exceeded the limit permissible under the rules of the Unions concerned. In the case of the G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, and the B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay, the accounts of the branches and centres were stated not to have been audited; and the figures for certain centres were not included in the balance sheet of the latter Union.

7. Full information regarding the composition of the membership, income and expenditure, and opening and closing balances in respect of the 32 individual Unions which submitted returns is given in Table A appended to the Report. The previous year's figures for the Hubli Textile Labour Union which have now been

furnished, are shown in italics in the table. The total membership of the reporting Unions increased from 54,281 to 68,306 during the year. The number of accessions to membership was more than double the number of withdrawals. Only the Miscellaneous group reported a larger number of withdrawals than of additions. The female membership of registered Trade Unions increased from 607 in the previous year to 986 during the year under report, and this membership is mainly concentrated in the Textile and Municipal Unions. The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union and the Ambernath Labour Union again showed debit balances in their respective general fund accounts, but the deficit in each case was much smaller than what it was at the close of the year 1930-31. The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, continued to maintain its political fund which had a membership of 1,206 and a balance of Rs. 604-5-0 at the close of the year. The Union has framed special rules for the institution and management of this fund.

8. The G. I. P. Railway Staff Union, Bombay, which was the only registered Federation of Trade Unions in the Presidency, has, as stated already, ceased to exist as a separate body. Table B relating to Federations of Trade Unions is therefore blank.

9. The following table sets out the details of the assets of each of the 32 Unions which submitted returns for the year ended 31st March 1932, under the four heads: (1) Cash (either in hand or in a Bank or Banks); (2) Securities; (3) Unpaid Subscriptions Due and (4) Miscellaneous.

Statement showing the details of the Assets of the Trade Unions Registered at the close of the year ended 31st March 1932.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	Textile Industry.				
1	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay (23rd December 1927).	83 14 5	.....	.....	628 15 7
2	The Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay (21st May 1928).	58 0 0	.....	92 12 0	420 0 0
3	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay (23rd May 1928).	272 9 9	.....	.....	502 6 9
4	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay (1st June 1928).	18 14 3	.....	466 4 0	83 2 0
5	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay (11th September 1930).	2,250 14 9	4,615 0 0	.....	359 1 0
6	The Hubli Textile Labour Union, Hubli (10th January 1931).	1,336 4 3 *35 14 0	.....	....	19 8 0 4 2 0†
	Total ...	4,020 9 5	4,615 0 0	559 0 0	2,013 1 4
	Railways, including Railway Workshops.				
7	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad (27th October 1927).	542 15 5	.....	2,009 0 0	417 0 6
8	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay (31st October 1927).	10,207 15 9	3,062 8 0	873 9 0	2,200 9 1
9	The G. I. P. Railway Sholapur Staff Union, Sholapur (13th June 1928).		Registration cancelled.		
10	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay (22nd August 1928).	48,229 1 4	14,562 8 0	4,485 2 0	3,249 2 2
11	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay (10th October 1928).	2,331 6 0	.....	47 15 0	142 8 0
12	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay (20th February 1930).	851 3 6	.....	317 15 0	.....
13	The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay (18th January 1932).	2,419 8 5	.....	3,639 3 0	5,363 8 0‡
14	The G. I. P. Railway Administrative and Executive Offices' Staff Union, Bombay (3rd March 1932).	625 14 0	.....	51 6 0	.....
	Total ...	65,208 0 5	17,625 0 0	11,424 2 0	11,402 6 9

* These are the figures for the year 1930-31 which are now available.
† Excess of expenditure over income.
‡ Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	Seamen.				
15	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay (30th March 1932).	2,683 12 11	.....	2,18,058 0 0	2,170 9 9
	Total ...	2,683 12 11	.....	2,18,058 0 0	2,170 9 9
	Municipal.				
16	The Bombay Municipal Workmen's Union, Bombay (24th August 1927).		Registration cancelled.		
17	The Karachi Municipal Sweepers' Union, Karachi (5th January 1928).	469 14 7	.....	.....	747 10 0
18	The Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh, Bombay (29th January 1929).		Registration cancelled.		
19	The Karachi Municipal Labour Union, Karachi (24th February 1930).	156 0 9	.....	.....	55 0 0
20	The Karachi Municipal Sweepers and Drainagemen and Lower Grade Staff Union, Karachi (5th January 1932).		Registration cancelled.		
	Total ...	625 15 4	.....	.....	802 10 0
	Port Trust and Docks.				
21	The R. I. M. Dock Workers' Union, Bombay (24th May 1928).		Registration cancelled.		
22	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay (4th January 1929).	4,012 13 6	9,708 9 0	2,348 10 0	2,443 1 10
23	The Karachi Port Trust Labour Union, Karachi (28th February 1929).	296 5 9	.....	.....	969 12 0
24	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay (12th September 1929).	7,464 10 9	.....	3,466 8 0	275 5 1
25	The Karachi Dock Workers' Union, Karachi (10th August 1931).	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay (5th February 1932).	84 11 8	.....	14 4 0	23 8 0
	Total ...	11,858 9 3	9,708 9 0	5,829 6 0	3,711 10 11
	Miscellaneous.				
27	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay (24th May 1928).	653 8 5	.....	450 3 0	186 12 6
28	The Bank Peons' Union, Bombay (16th August 1928).	460 12 0	.....	694 4 0	25 0 0

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	Miscellaneous—contd.				
29	The Bombay Telephone Company Employees' Union, Bombay (21st August 1928).	393 6 0	.....	438 8 0	241 0 0
30	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay (12th September 1928).	1,292 3 10	.....	64 0 0	82 0 0
31	The Clerks' Union, Bombay (8th October 1928).	186 8 0	.....	364 12 0	87 0 0
32	The Ambernath Labour Union, Ambernath (29th January 1929).	.....	.....	224 4 0	516 5 9*
33	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay (31st August 1929).	338 12 9	299 10 0	260 12 0	249 6 0
34	The Karachi Motor Drivers' Union, Karachi (17th February 1930).	13 2 0	.....	.....	617 8 0
35	The Bombay Steam Navigation Company's Employees' Union, Bombay (16th April 1930).	780 0 0	.....	2,282 5 8	24 8 0
36	The Private Car, Bus and Lorry Drivers Union, Bombay (6th May 1930).	528 10 6	.....	3,664 0 0	130 0 0
37	The Karachi Labour Union, Karachi (24th March 1931).	8 0 6	.....	32 0 0	3,030 0 0
38	The Karachi Oil Installation Workers' Union, Karachi (10th August 1931).		Registration cancelled.		
	Total ...	4,595 0 0	299 10 0	8,385 0 8	5,189 8 3
	Grand Total ...	88,991 15 4	32,248 3 0	2,44,255 8 8	25,289 15 0

* General Fund deficit.

The General Fund was the principal liability of the majority of the Unions, and the only liability of nine Unions. The Karachi Dock Workers' Union, Karachi, reported no liability at all while the G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union and the Ambernath Labour Union had liabilities other than the General Fund. The total amount at the credit of the General Fund Accounts of all the Unions was Rs. 3,65,700-2-4, and other liabilities amounted to Rs. 25,085-7-8, as against total assets amounting to Rs. 3,90,785-10-0. The figure for total assets includes a sum of Rs. 2,079-15-0 by way of excess of expenditure over income and another amount of Rs. 2,44,255-8-8 for Unpaid Subscriptions Due (amounting in one case to Rs. 2,18,058). In the case of several Unions, the auditors

have stated that the figure for the amount of Unpaid Subscriptions Due was worked out and furnished by the Union officials and that they could not verify it. The real value of this portion of the assets is, therefore, rather doubtful. The amount of cash assets was the largest in the case of the Railway group, and over half the figure for total cash assets related to a single Union in this group. Only five Unions reported that they held securities and it may be noted that out of the total figure of Rs. 32,248-3-0 shown for securities, the National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, alone held securities worth Rs. 14,562-8-0.

10. During the year under review, nine Unions effected alterations in their registered constitutions and rules, and four of them did so twice. Notice of change in the registered address was furnished by seven Unions one of which altered the address of its head office twice during the year. The provisions of section 28 (3) in the former case and of section 12 in the latter, in regard to the time-limit within which the changes should be notified to the Registrar, were not strictly observed by all the Unions concerned. Ignorance on the part of the Union officials of the relevant sections of the Act was understood to be the main reason for such lapses on the part of several Unions and their attention has been drawn to the relevant sections of the Act for future guidance.

11. During the year under report no appeals were preferred against any of the decisions of the Registrar.

12. The growth of the Trade Union movement in the Bombay Presidency is reviewed every quarter in the *Labour Gazette* and according to these reviews, the number of Trade Unions reported as in existence at the beginning of the year under report was 93 with a membership of 127,428 while at the close of the year there were 92 Unions with 108,848 members.

13. There was an increase in the number of Unions which applied for registration during the year, and several of them, as usual, consulted this office with regard to the preliminaries to be observed prior to registration. Assistance was given in each case either by personal interviews or through correspondence. The applications and the copies of rules of some of the Unions which applied for registration were found to be not in accordance with the requirements of the Act and had therefore to be returned for rectification.

14. The orders of the Government of India in regard to the position of Government servants *vis-a-vis* the Indian Trade Unions Act, are still awaited. During the year, the Government Central Press Employees' Union, Bombay, applied for registration under the Act and as the Union had complied with all the requirements of the Act in regard to registration it was duly registered.

15. During the year under report, Mr. S. V. Joshi, Acting Investigator of the Labour Office, continued as Assistant to the Registrar of Trade Unions in place of Mr. N. A. Mehrban who was on leave out of India till the 24th December 1931 and who assumed

different duties during the remaining portion of the year. I was indebted to Mr. Joshi for the very material assistance he gave me during the year, and to Mr. S. S. Rajagopalan, Statistical Assistant in the Labour Office. The care and attention the latter devotes to the examination of the returns and the effectiveness of his examination are most helpful.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. F. GENNINGS,
Registrar of Trade Unions,
Bombay Presidency.

FORM

Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year. Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Number of members. At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year. Males.	Females.	Total.	Subscribing to political fund.
	Textile Industry.							
1	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay (23rd December 1927).	52	446	33	440	25	465	...
2	The Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay (21st May 1928).	145	...	...	145	...	145	...
3	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay (23rd May 1928).	2,625	4,910	2,880	4,387	268	4,655	...
4	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay (1st June 1928).	307	37	143	201	...	201	...
5	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay (11th September 1930).	535	51	61	525	...	525	...
6	The Hubli Textile Labour Union, Hubli (10th January 1931).	1,087 †...	972 *1,087*	... ...	1,755 *1,000*	304 *87*	2,059 *1,087*	... ...
	Total ...	4,751	6,416	3,117	7,453	597	8,050	...
	Railways, including Railway Workshops.							
7	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad (27th October 1927).	6,816	201	2,801	4,212	4	4,216	...
8	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay (31st October 1927).	7,251	933	4,410	3,774	...	3,774	...
9	The G. I. P. Railway Sholapur Staff Union, Sholapur (13th June 1928).							Registration
10	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay (22nd August 1928).	2,456	82	425	2,068	45	2,113	1,206
11	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay (10th October 1928).	273	42	32	283	...	283	...
12	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay (20th February 1930).	310	128	10	428	...	428	...
13	The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay (18th January 1932).	...	11,259§	504	10,755	...	10,755	...
14	The G. I. P. Railway Administrative and Executive Offices' Staff Union, Bombay (3rd March 1932).	175	85	...	260	...	260	...
	Total ...	17,281	12,730	8,182	21,780	49	21,829	1,206

* Debit balance.
† These are the figures for the year 1930-31 which are now available.
‡ Excess of expenditure over income.
§ This figure represents the total for the two Unions, viz., the G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union

A.

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
845 3 7	2,119 8 8	2,251 14 3	712 14 0	...	...	...	...
797. 8 0	435 0 0	661 12 0	570 12 0	...	...		
178 9 0	7,301 14 0	6,755 6 6	725 0 6	...	...		
161 3 3	619 8 0	255 7 0	525 4 3	...	...		
6,015 4 0	3,869 3 3	2,649 7 6	7,224 15 9	...	...	...	...
*-4 2 0**	574 8 0	421 2 3	149 3 9	...	...	...	...
.....	*364 6 0*	*368 8 0*	*-4 2 0*‡	...	...	...	...
7,993 9 10	14,909 9 11	12,995 1 6	9,908 2 3	...	...	...	...
778 10 9	3,581 3 2	3,550 5 3	809 8 8	...	...	...	...
18,416 8 10	8,906 11 9	11,773 7 9	15,549 12 10	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
6[illegible],322 12 0	55,181 12 0	50,821 14 0	67,682 10 0	947 0 0	604 5 0	947 0 0	604 5 0
1,139 7 3	951 7 0	896 1 3	1,194 13 0	...	...	...	...
879 11 6	1,190 4 0	900 13 0	1,169 2 6	...	...	...	...
-4,078 11 6§	5,634 9 10	3,119 7 7	*-1,563 9 3*‡	...	...	...	...
294 5 0	703 15 0	377 2 6	621 1 6	...	...	...	...
80,752 11 10	76,149 14 9	71,439 3 4	85,463 7 3	947 0 0	604 5 0	947 0 0	604 5 0

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and the G. I. P. Railway Staff Union which amalgamated to form this Union.

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Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year. Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Number of members. At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year. Males.	Females.	Total.	Subscribing to political fund.
	Seamen.							
15	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay (30th March 1932).	24,398	6,125	36	30,487	...	30,487	...
	Total ...	24,398	6,125	36	30,487	...	30,487	...
	Municipal.							
16	The Bombay Municipal Workmen's Union, Bombay (24th August 1927).						Registration	
17	The Karachi Municipal Sweepers' Union, Karachi (5th January 1928).	932	53	109	574	302	876	...
18	The Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh, Bombay (29th January 1929).						Registration	
19	The Karachi Municipal Labour Union, Karachi (24th February 1930).	217	210	121	284	12	296	...
20	The Karachi Municipal Sweepers and Drainagemen and Lower Grade Staff Union, Karachi (5th January 1932).						Registration	
	Total ...	1,149	263	240	858	314	1,172	...
	Port Trust and Docks.							
21	The R. I. M. Dock Workers' Union, Bombay (24th May 1928).						Registration	
22	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay (4th January 1929).	1,084	35	192	927	...	927	...
23	The Karachi Port Trust Labour Union, Karachi (28th February 1929).	914	694	562	1,044	2	1,046	...
24	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay (12th September 1929).	911	...	102	809	...	809	...
25	The Karachi Dock Workers' Union, Karachi (10th August 1931).	...	104	54	50	...	50	...
26	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay (5th February 1932).	...	600	...	599	1	600	...
	Total ...	2,909	1,433	910	3,429	3	3,432	...

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1,63,256 3 6	93,824 14 0	34,876 3 10	2,22,204 13 8	...	...	...	...
1,63,256 3 6	93,824 14 0	34,876 3 10	2,22,204 13 8	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
1,274 8 1	2,555 5 0	2,702 9 0	1,127 4 1	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
93 9 9	847 15 0	810 8 0	131 0 9	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
1,368 1 10	3,403 4 0	3,513 1 0	1,258 4 10	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
18,572 2 4	4,187 5 6	4,246 5 6	18,513 2 4	...	...	...	...
1,058 3 9	4,110 15 0	3,975 6 0	1,193 13 9	...	...	...	...
9,273 5 1	3,187 9 0	1,379 14 8	11,080 15 10	...	...	...	...
.....	169 8 0	169 8 0	.....	...	...	...	...
.....	452 5 0	329 13 9	122 7 3	...	...	...	...
28,903 11 2	12,107 10 6	10,100 14 6	30,910 7 2	...	...	...	...

FORM

Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year. Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Number of members. At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year. Males.	Females.	Total.	Subscribing to political fund.
	Miscellaneous.							
27	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay (24th May 1928).	366	91	72	385	...	385	...
28	The Bank Peons' Union, Bombay (16th August 1928).	239	...	1	238	...	238	...
29	The Bombay Telephone Company Employees' Union, Bombay (21st August 1928).	121	3	2	122	...	122	...
30	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay (12th September 1928).	661	325	691	295	...	295	...
31	The Clerks' Union, Bombay (8th October 1928).	549	39	...	586	2	588	...
32	The Ambernath Labour Union, Ambernath (29th January 1929).	254	82	95	220	21	241	...
33	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay (31st August 1929).	863	46	267	642	...	642	...
34	The Karachi Motor Drivers' Union, Karachi (17th February 1930).	91	14	45	60	...	60	...
35	The Bombay Steam Navigation Company's Employees' Union, Bombay (16th April 1930).	366	1	5	362	...	362	...
36	The Private Car, Bus and Lorry Drivers' Union, Bombay (6th May 1930).	235	117	...	352	...	352	...
37	The Karachi Labour Union, Karachi (24th March 1931).	48	3	...	51	...	51	...
38	The Karachi Oil Installation Workers' Union, Karachi (10th August 1931).						Registration	
	Total ...	3,793	721	1,178	3,313	23	3,336	...
	Grand Total ...	54,281	27,688	13,663	67,320	986	68,306	1,206

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
2,095 9 4	1,128 2 10	1,974 4 3	1,249 7 11	...	...	...	...
1,270 6 9	728 1 0	968 7 9	1,030 0 0	...	...	...	...
828 4 3	591 3 0	376 14 6	1,042 8 9	...	...	...	...
3,038 12 4	4,640 5 0	6,687 5 6	991 11 10	...	...	...	...
691 4 8	1,765 4 4	1,906 3 0	550 6 0	...	...	...	...
*—1,376 15 3**	2,076 3 6	715 10 0	*—516 5 9†*	...	...	...	...
1,119 7 3	1,113 2 0	1,084 0 6	1,148 8 9	...	...	...	...
103 12 11	1,257 4 7	1,135 7 6	225 10 0	...	...	...	...
2,334 13 8	1,053 1 0	379 1 0	3,008 13 8	...	...	...	...
1,696 1 0	3,202 10 0	994 8 6	4,204 2 6	...	...	...	...
852 2 0	160 0 0	146 1 6	816 0 6	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
12,433 10 11	17,715 5 3	16,368 0 0	13,781 0 2	...	...	...	...
2,94,708 1 1	2,18,110 10 5	1,49,292 8 2	3,63,526 3 4	947 0 0	604 5 0	947 0 0	604 5 0

* Debit balance. † Excess of expenditure over income.

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS,

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY,

SECRETARIAT, BOMBAY.

The 15th January 1934.

From

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Registrar of Trade Unions, Bombay Presidency,

Secretariat, Bombay;

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF BOMBAY,

Political and Reforms Department, Bombay.

Subject.—Annual Report on the Working of the Indian Trade Unions Act (No. XVI of 1926) for the year 1932-33.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the working of the Indian Trade Unions Act in the Bombay Presidency for the year ending 31st March 1933.

2. There was considerable delay in the receipt of the annual returns from the majority of the unions. Although, as usual, they were reminded well in time of their obligation under section 28 of the Act and also furnished with memoranda of instructions in order to enable them to fill up the returns in the proper manner, not one-third of the unions submitted their annual returns by July 31st, the prescribed date. Extensions of time were asked for and granted, once to seven unions and twice to four unions. The remaining unions furnished their returns only after the issue of several reminders and, in some cases, letters threatening action under the penal provisions of the Act. The last return was received on 5th December 1933.

3. The number of new unions registered during the year was 12 which brought the total number of registrations on 31st March 1933 to 71. The registrations of 21 unions had been cancelled before 1st April 1932 and during the year under report, six unions—the Bombay Municipal Workmen's Union, Bombay, the R. I. M. Dock Workers' Union, Bombay, the G. I. P. Railway Sholapur Staff Union, Sholapur, the Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh,

Bombay, the Karachi Oil Installation Workers' Union, Karachi, and the Karachi Municipal Sweepers and Drainagemen and Lower Grade Staff Union, Karachi—were removed from the register. The total number of trade unions on the register on 31st March 1933 was therefore 44.

4. Of these 44 unions, only 13 submitted returns by the prescribed date. Eleven unions sent in their returns in August, nine in September and one each in October, November and December. The Hubli Textile Labour Union submitted its return but it was not in order. As the registration of this union had been cancelled on the ground that it had ceased to exist, its return was ignored. The Bombay Steam Navigation Company's Employees' Union, Bombay, and the Poona Press Workers' Union, Poona, were served with notices of cancellation of their registrations under section 10 (*b*) of the Act as they failed to submit their annual returns in spite of several reminders. For the same reason, the registrations of the Karachi Motor Drivers' Union, Karachi, the Private Car, Bus and Lorry Drivers' Union, Bombay, the West Khandesh Bus Drivers' Union, Dhulia, and the Bombay Suburban District Motor Drivers' Union, Bandra, were cancelled. The Pratap Mills Kamgar Union, Amalner, became defunct and its name was also removed from the Trade Union Register.

5. The majority of the returns received had to be sent back to the unions concerned for rectification. Correspondence in this connection was protracted and letters and reminders had to be sent more than once in the case of 20 unions before their returns could be secured duly amended and rectified. Only three returns could be accepted for final tabulation before the end of July. Three were accepted in August, eight in September, four in October, fourteen in November and four in December.

6. The steady improvement that was noticeable last year in the completeness of the returns was maintained during the year under report. The officials of some of the trade unions whose head offices are situated in Bombay City consulted this office from time to time as to the method of filling in their returns. There was less disagreement than usual in the figures for membership and balances of funds as compared with those entered for the previous year. Comparatively fewer unions failed to send up-to-date copies of their rules or attach copies of their auditors' remarks to their returns. Irregularities in the notification of changes in officers and in the proper allocation of items of expenditure were also less numerous.

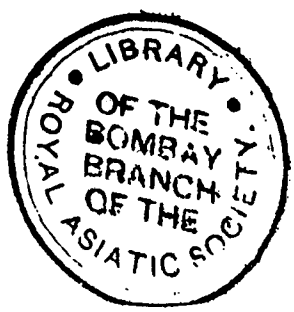
7. The annual accounts of 22 unions were audited by auditors qualified to audit company accounts whereas only six of these unions need have engaged such auditors under rule 18 of the Bombay Trade Unions Regulations, 1927. The auditors' remarks appended to the returns point to serious irregularities in the case of only a few unions. The accounts of the branches of the G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, and of the Dohad Centre of the B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay, were reported not to have been duly audited before their incorporation

in the main accounts. The Kajugar Kamkari Union, Bombay, was reported not to have maintained a register of members and this union has been asked to rectify this irregularity immediately. Violatian of the registered rules was reported in one case where a responsible official of the union concerned was stated to have kept in hand cash in excess of the permitted limit.

8. Full information regarding the composition of the membership, income and expenditure, and opening and closing balances in respect of the 36 individual unions which submitted returns is given in Table A appended to this Report. The total membership of the reporting unions decreased from 70,690 to 64,169 during the year under report. The number of withdrawals from membership was nearly double the number of additions. A large number of accessions than withdrawals was reported by the 'Port Trust and Docks' and the 'Miscellaneous' Groups. The female membership of registered trade unions increased from 986 in the previous year to 1,755 during the year under review. This increase was mainly due to the Kajugar Kamkari Union whose membership consists almost entirely of female workers. The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, the Ambernath Labour Union and the Kajugar Kamkari Union showed debit balances in their general fund accounts but the deficit in the case of the second union was smaller than what it was at the close of the previous year. In the case of 19 unions the balances of general funds at the close of the year were larger than they were at the beginning of the year. The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, continued to maintain its political fund.

9. Owing to the cancellation in January 1932 of the registration of the G. I. P. Railway Staff Union, Bombay, —the only federation of trade unions registered in this Presidency—Table B relating to Federations of Trade Unions is blank.

10. The following table sets out the details of the assets of each of the 36 Unions which submitted returns for the year ended 31st March 1933, under the four heads: (1) Cash (either in hand or in Bank or Banks); (2) Securities; (3) Unpaid subscriptions due and (4) Miscellaneous.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Statement showing the details of the Assets of the Trade Unions Registered at the close of the year ended 31st March 1933.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous
	Textile Industry.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay (23rd December,1927).	39 2 7	.....	.....	628 15 7
2	The Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay (21st May 1928).	37 0 0	.....	180 12 0	400 0 0
3	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay (23rd May 1928).	28 10 6	.....	1,594 4 0	330 5 6
4	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay (1st June 1928).	5 4 0	.....	148 4 0	73 2 0
5	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay (11th September 1930).	1,019 12 1	7,630 0 0	451 0 0	700 0 0
6	The Hubli Textile Labour Union, Hubli (10th January 1931).		Registration cancelled.		
7	The Pratap Mills Kamgar Union, Amalner (31st August 1932).		Registration cancelled.		
	Total ...	1,129 13 2	7,630 0 0	2,374 4 0	2,132 7 1
	Railways, including Railway Workshops.				
8	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad (27th October 1927).	86 14 11	.....	2,200 0 0	897 0 6
9	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay (31st October 1927).	8,098 12 11	4,371 14 0	1,684 0 0	2,674 2 10
10	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay (22nd August 1928).	50,960 4 4	14,319 12 0	3,163 5 9	3,425 2 2
11	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay (10th October 1928).	923 1 5	1,566 0 0	34 11 0	135 0 0
12	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay (20th February 1930).	1,036 7 6	.....	300 0 0	100 0 0
13	The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay (18th January 1932).	1,408 12 2	.....	.....	10,676 12 9*
14	The G. I. P. Railway Administrative and Executive Offices Staff Union, Bombay (3rd March 1932).	959 12 9	.....	5 8 0	36 0 6
	Total ...	63,474 2 0	20,257 10 0	7,357 8 9	17,444 2 9

* Includes General Fund deficit.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	Seamen.				
15	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay (30th March 1932).	311 11 0	.....	2,17,638 0 0	2,403 13 11
16	The Bombay Seamans' Union, Bombay (17th August 1932).	833 14 9	.....	13,740 0 0	123 0 0
	Total ...	1,145 9 9	.....	2,31,378 0 0	2,526 13 11
	Municipal.				
17	The Karachi Municipal Sweepers' Union, Karachi (5th January 1928).	920 14 7	.....	.....	700 5 9
18	The Karachi Municipal Labour Union, Karachi (24th February 1930).	259 5 0	.....	.....	55 0 0
19	The Karachi Municipal Employees' Association, Karachi (31st May 1932).	1,044 7 7	.....	95 12 0	95 0 0
	Total ...	2,224 11 2	.....	95 12 0	851 5 9
	Port Trust and Docks.				
20	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay (4th January 1929).	3,824 4 0	10,101 4 0	1,692 2 0	2,493 11 1
21	The Karachi Port Trust Labour Union, Karachi (28th February 1929).	409 12 0	.....	.....	967 11 6
22	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay (12th September 1929).	7,318 9 9	.....	2,503 4 0	275 5 1
23	The Karachi Dock Workers' Union, Karachi (10th August 1931).	20 13 3	.....	.....	.....
24	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay (5th February 1932).	112 7 3	.....	.....	25 0 0
25	The Bombay Docks and Harbour Stevedores Labour Union, Bombay (16th May 1932).	50 12 0	.....	764 2 0	225 6 0
	Total ...	11,736 10 3	10,101 4 0	4,959 8 0	3,987 1 8
	Miscellaneous.				
26	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay (24th May 1928).	396 6 10	.....	431 3 0	195 12 6
27	The Bank Peons' Union, Bombay (16th August 1928).	343 14 1	.....	665 4 0	20 0 0
28	The Bombay Telephone Company Employees' Union, Bombay (21st August 1928).	276 12 9	.....	83 14 0	251 8 0

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	Miscellaneous—contd.				
29	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay (12th September 1928).	1,688 9 4	.....	541 8 0	158 0 0
30	The Clerks' Union, Bombay (8th October 1928).	174 1 6	.....	395 0 0	80 12 0
31	The Ambernath Labour Union, Ambernath (29th January 1929).	.....	.....	254 4 0	486 6 9*
32	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay (31st August 1929).	395 10 3	299 10 0	70 0 0	49 6 0
33	The Karachi Motor Drivers' Union, Karachi (17th February 1930).		Registration	cancelled.	
34	The Bombay Steam Navigation Company's Employees' Union, Bombay (16th April 1930).		Under	notice.	
35	The Private Car, Bus and Lorry Drivers' Union, Bombay (6th May 1930).		Registration	cancelled.	
36	The Karachi Labour Union, Karachi (24th March 1931).	15 13 0	.....	9 6 0	3,030 0 0
37	The Government Central Press Employees' Union, Bombay (28th April 1932).	240 9 3	.....	136 4 0	21 0 0
38	The Bombay Umbrella Makers' Association, Bombay (31st May 1932).	215 1 9	.....	237 0 0	33 0 0
39	The West Khandesh Bus Drivers' Union, Dhulia (15th July 1932).		Registration	cancelled.	
40	The Poona Press Workers' Union, Poona (29th July 1932).		Under	notice.	
41	The Bombay Lorry Transport Workers' Union, Bombay (5th October 1932).	270 13 3	.....	.....	130 8 0
42	The Bombay Suburban District Motor Drivers' Union, Bandra (25th November 1932).		Registration	cancelled.	
43	The Bombay Press Workers' Union, Bombay (20th January 1933).	10 0 0	.....	75 0 0	.....
44	The Kajugar Kamkari Union, Bombay (27th January 1933).	52 9 6	.....	.....	97 3 0*
	Total ...	4,080 5 6	299 10 0	2,898 11 0	4,553 8 3
	Grand Total ...	83,791 3 10	38,288 8 0	2,49,093 11 9	31,495 7 5

* General Fund deficit.

The principal liability of the majority of the unions was the General Fund. It formed the only liability of 12 unions and a minor liability of three unions while only three other unions had liabilities other than the General Fund. The total amount at the credit of the General Fund Accounts of all the unions was Rs. 3,72,815-14-9 and other liabilities amounted to Rs. 29,853-0-3 as against total assets amounting to Rs. 4,02,668-15-0. The figure for total assets includes an amount of Rs. 2,49,093-11-9 for unpaid subscriptions due but one union contributes as much as Rs. 2,17,638 to this total. The real value of this portion of the assets of the unions is very doubtful. As in previous years, the amount of cash assets was the largest in the case of the Railway group and it may be noted that out of the total cash assets of Rs. 63,474-2-0 for this group the National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma alone had cash assets amounting to Rs. 50,960-4-4. Securities amounting to Rs. 38,288-8-0 were held by six unions, two of which held securities worth over Rs. 10,000 each.

11. Ten unions effected alterations in their registered constitutions and rules during the year and notified them in accordance with the provisions of section 28 (3) of the Act read with rule 12 of the Bombay Trade Unions Regulations, 1927. All the alterations notified were duly registered.

12. During the year under report, no appeal was preferred under section 11 of the Act.

13 The number of Trade Unions—registered as well as unregistered—in the Presidency at the beginning of the year was 92 with a membership of 108,848 while at the close of the year there were 105 unions comprising 108,747 members (*vide* quarterly reviews of Trade Unions published in the *Labour Gazette*). There was a corresponding increase in the number of unions which applied for registration and some unions of Government employees also came forward to register. In all cases, assistance was given, either by personal interviews or through correspondence, to the unions concerned in regard to the proper framing of their rules and the correct filling in of the form of application.

14. The bulk of the work in connection with the administration of the Trade Unions Act has fallen on Mr. N. A. Mehrban, Assistant Commissioner of Labour, and Mr. S. S. Rajagopalan, a Statistical Assistant in the Labour Office. They have been of great assistance to me and I have received from trade union officials numerous expressions of their appreciation of the help given to them by these two officers. The brief pages of this report give but a slight indication of the work involved in its compilation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. F. GENNINGS,

Registrar of Trade Unions,

Bombay Presidency.

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	Textile Industry.							
1	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay (23rd December 1927).	465	510	225	635	125	750	...
2	The Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay (21st May 1928).	145	...	5	140	...	140	...
3	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay (23rd May 1928).	4,655	209	742	3,938	184	4,122	...
4	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay (1st June 1928).	201	...	141	60	...	60	...
5	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay (11th September 1930).	525	20	188	357	...	357	...
6	The Hubli Textile Labour Union, Hubli (10th January 1931).						Registration	
7	The Pratap Mills Kamgar Union, Amalner (31st August 1932).						Registration	
	Total ...	5,991	739	1,301	5,120	309	5,429	...
	Railways, including Railway Workshops.							
8	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad (27th October 1927).	4,216	92	2,528	1,780	...	1,780	...
9	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay (31st October 1927).	3,774	375	332	3,817	...	3,817	...
10	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay (22nd August 1928).	2,113	437	232	2,271	47	2,318	1,324
11	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay (10th October 1928).	263	86	96	273	...	273	...
12	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay (20th February 1930).	428	...	108	320	...	320	...
13	The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay (18th January 1932).	10,755	1,906	677	12,074	...	12,074	...
14	The G. I. P. Railway Administrative and Executive Offices Staff Union, Bombay (3rd March 1932).	260	21	29	252	...	252	...
	Total ...	21,629	3,007	4,002	20,787	47	20,834	1,324

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
712 14 0	1,213 5 11	1,259 1 9	668 2 2	...	...	...	...
570 12 0	420 0 0	373 0 0	617 12 0	...	...	...	...
725 0 6	7,032 8 0	6,211 4 6	1,546 4 0	...	...	...	...
525 4 3	198 8 0	519 12 9	203 15 6	...	...	...	...
7,224 15 9	4,043 0 4	1,467 4 0	9,800 12 1	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
cancelled.							
9,758 14 6	12,907 6 3	9,829 7 0	12,836 13 9	...	...	...	...
509 8 8	2,776 8 0	3,560 9 0	25 7 8	...	...	...	...
15,543 12 10	8,737 4 11	9,194 1 6	15,093 0 3	...	...	...	...
67,682 10 0	52,879 13 1	52,156 4 10	68,406 2 3	604 5 0	618 7 0	604 5 0	618 7 0
1,388 13 0	839 10 5	894 11 0	1,333 12 5	...	...	...	...
1,160 2 6	1,209 11 6	942 6 6	1,426 7 6	...	...	...	...
-1,563 9 3*	16,890 7 11	21,275 15 8	-5,949 1 0†	...	...	...	...
621 1 6	825 0 0	474 10 3	971 7 3	...	...	...	...
85,567 7 3	84,158 7 10	88,498 10 9	81,217 4 4	604 5 0	618 7 0	604 5 0	618 7 0

* Debit balance. † Excess of expenditure over income.

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Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year. Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Number of members. At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year. Males.	Females.	Total.	Subscribing to political fund.
	Seamen.							
15	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay (30th March 1932).	30,487	570	7,550	23,507	...	23,507	...
16	The Bombay Seamen's Union, Bombay (17th August 1932).	4,399	181	...	4,580	...	4,580	...
	Total ...	34,886	751	7,550	28,087	...	28,087	...
	Municipal.							
17	The Karachi Municipal Sweepers' Union, Karachi (5th January 1928).	876	65	212	554	175	729	...
18	The Karachi Municipal Labour Union Karachi (24th February 1930).	296	146	186	243	13	256	...
19	The Karachi Municipal Employees' Association, Karachi (31st May 1932).	213	51	109	153	2	155	...
	Total ...	1,385	262	507	950	190	1,140	...
	Port Trust and Docks.							
20	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay (4th January 1929).	927	40	220	747	...	747	...
21	The Karachi Port Trust Labour Union, Karachi (28th February 1929).	1,046	50	42	1,051	3	1,054	...
22	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay (12th September 1929).	809	10	24	795	...	795	...
23	The Karachi Dock Workers' Union, Karachi (10th August 1931).	50	250	10	290	...	290	...
24	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay (5th February 1932).	600	80	7	673	...	673	...
25	The Bombay Docks and Harbour Stevedores Labour Union, Bombay (16th May 1932).	...	1,190	...	1,190	...	1,190	...
	Total ...	3,432	1,620	303	4,746	3	4,749	...

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General Fund:				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
2,22,204 13 8	94,587 9 3	1,00,054 7 0	2,16,737 15 11	...	...	...	...
7,380 0 0	13,962 10 0	6,885 11 3	14,456 14 9	...	...	...	...
2,29,584 13 8	1,08,550 3 3	1,06,940 2 3	2,31,194 14 8	...	...	...	...
1,127 4 1	2,514 3 0	2,030 2 9	1,611 4 4	...	...	...	...
131 0 9	818 11 0	685 6 9	264 5 0	...	...	...	...
649 4 11	979 11 11	571 13 3	1,057 3 7	...	...	...	...
1,907 9 9	4,312 9 11	3,287 6 9	2,932 12 11	...	...	...	...
18,513 2 4	3,512 9 6	3,914 6 9	18,111 5 1	...	...	...	...
1,193 13 9	3,270 7 8	3,136 13 6	1,327 7 6	...	...	...	...
11,080 15 10	4,508 14 6	5,618 3 6	9,971 10 10	...	...	...	...
.....	440 0 0	419 2 9	20 13 3	...	...	...	...
121 7 3	2,286 14 3	2,271 14 3	137 7 3	...	...	...	...
.....	2,164 4 0	1,324 0 0	840 4 0	...	...	...	...
30,910 7 2	16,183 1 6	16,684 8 9	30,408 15 11	...	...	...	...

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Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year. Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Number of members. At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year. Males.	Females.	Total.	Subscribing to political fund.
	Miscellaneous.							
26	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay (24th May 1928).	385	13	59	339	...	339	...
27	The Bank Peons' Union, Bombay (16th August 1928).	238	...	2	236	...	236	...
28	The Bombay Telephone Company Employees' Union, Bombay (21st August 1928).	122	23	24	121	...	121	...
29	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay (12th September 1928).	295	520	257	558	...	558	...
30	The Clerks' Union, Bombay (8th October 1928).	588	14	381	220	1	221	...
31	The Ambernath Labour Union, Ambernath (29th January 1929).	241	20	65	190	6	196	...
32	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay (31st August 1929).	642	...	539	103	...	103	...
33	The Karachi Motor Drivers' Union, Karachi (17th February 1930).						Registration	
34	The Bombay Steam Navigation Company's Employees' Union, Bombay (16th April 1930).						Under	
35	The Private Car, Bus and Lorry Drivers' Union, Bombay (6th May 1930).						Registration	
36	The Karachi Labour Union, Karachi (24th March 1931).	51	...	...	51	...	51	...
37	The Government Central Press Employees' Union, Bombay (28th April 1932).	277	54	11	320	...	320	...
38	The Bombay Umbrella Makers' Association, Bombay (31st May 1932).	148	7	31	124	...	124	...
39	The West Khandesh Bus Drivers' Union, Dhulia (15th July 1932).						Registration	
40	The Poona Press Workers' Union, Poona (29th July 1932).						Under	
41	The Bombay Lorry Transport Workers' Union, Bombay (5th October 1932).	...	103	17	86	...	86	...
42	The Bombay Suburban District Motor Drivers' Union, Bandra (25th November 1932).						Registration	
43	The Bombay Press Workers' Union, Bombay (20th January 1933).	180*	170	...	350	...	350	...
44	The Kajugar Kamkari Union, Bombay (27th January 1933).	...	1,225	...	26	1,199	1,225	...
	Total ...	3,167	2,149	1,386	2,724	1,206	3,930	...
	Grand Total	70,690	8,528	15,049	62,414	1,755	64,169	1,324

* On the date of registration.

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1,249 7 11	853 12 2	1,120 13 9	982 6 4	...	...	...	...
1,030 0 0	721 10 0	722 7 11	1,029 2 1	...	...	...	...
1,042 8 9	240 9 0	670 15 0	612 2 9	...	...	...	...
991 11 10	4,438 8 0	3,188 10 6	2,241 9 4	...	...	...	...
550 6 0	1,808 6 6	1,916 7 8	442 4 10	...	...	...	...
—*516 5 9**	605 14 0	575 15 0	—*486 6 9*†	...	...		...
1,148 8 9	121 10 0	456 8 6	814 10 3	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
notice.							
cancelled.							
846 0 6	52 4 0	67 1 6	831 3 0	...	...	...	...
145 11 0	404 6 0	168 14 5	381 2 7	...	...	...	...
343 7 6	379 0 0	267 5 9	455 1 9	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
notice.							
.....	2,696 6 0	2,295 0 9	401 5 3	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
.....*	135 0 0	50 0 0	85 0 0	...	...	...	...
.....	319 8 3	416 11 3	—*97 3 0*†	...	...	...	...
6,831 8 6	12,777 13 11	11,917 0 0	7,692 6 5	...	...	...	...
3,64,550 12 10	2,38,889 10 8	2,37,157 3 6	3,66,283 4 0	604 5 0	613 7 0	604 5 0	618 7 0

* Debit balance. † Excess of expenditure over income.

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS,
BOMBAY PRESIDENCY,
SECRETARIAT, BOMBAY.
The 3rd January 1936.

From,

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Registrar of Trade Unions, Bombay Presidency,
Secretariat, Bombay;

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF BOMBAY,
Political and Reforms Department, Bombay.

Subject.—Annual Report on the Working of the Indian Trade Unions Act (No. XVI of 1926) for the year 1934-35.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the working of the Indian Trade Unions Act in the Bombay Presidency for the year ending 31st March 1935.

2. The delay in the submission of the report is due to the failure on the part of the majority of the unions to send in their annual general statements by the prescribed date. They were reminded as usual soon after the close of the year under report and were furnished with copies of a comprehensive memorandum of instructions designed to enable them correctly to fill in the returns. Although the Act has been in operation for nearly eight years and the officials of a large majority of the unions must therefore have become familiar with the requirements of the Act, only about 37 per cent. of the returns due were received by July 31st, the prescribed date. Extensions of time were asked for and granted in five cases. The remaining unions had to be reminded again and again, and in some cases, letters threatening action under section 10 of the Act had to issue before the returns were forthcoming. Moreover, most of the returns received were incomplete or otherwise defective with the result that they had to be sent back for rectification. It was not until December 21st that the last completed return was received.

3. During the year under report, nine new unions were registered, bringing the total number of registrations up to 31st March 1935 to 90. The registrations of 36 unions had been

cancelled before 1st April 1934, and during the year under review, the names of the following five unions were removed from the register :—

(1) The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay,
(2) The Karachi Labour Union, Karachi,
(3) The Bombay Seamen's Union, Bombay,
(4) The Chalisgaon Lalbawata Girni Kamgar Union, Chalisgaon, and
(5) The Karachi Electric Supply Corporation Ltd.'s Employees Association, Karachi.

The first three unions had failed to submit their annual returns, the fourth had ceased to exist and the fifth had been dissolved. The net number of unions on the register on 31st March 1935 was 49.

4. Of these 49 unions, only 18 furnished their annual returns by the prescribed date, 18 more sent in their returns in August, three in September, two in October and one in November. This is an improvement over last year when only 12 unions out of 45 had submitted their returns by 31st July and 16 more by the end of August. The following unions were served with notices of cancellation of registration under section 10 (*b*) of the Act for failure to submit their returns :—

(1) The Karachi Municipal Sweepers' Union, Karachi,
(2) The Karachi Dock Workers' Union, Karachi,
(3) The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay,
(4) The Karachi Factories Workers' Union, Karachi,
(5) The Kajugar Kamkari Union, Bombay,
(6) The Bombay Telephone Company Employees' Union, Bombay,
(7) The Clerks' Union, Bombay,
(8) The Bombay Umbrella Makers' Association, Bombay,
(9) The G. I. P. Railway Labour Union, Bombay,
(10) The Swatantra Kamgar Sangha, Bombay, and
(11) The Bombay Jaribharat Union, Bombay.

The Ambernath Labour Union, Ambernath, was also served with a notice under section 10 (*b*) on the ground that it had ceased to exist. Of these, only the first four unions submitted their returns before the expiry of the notices, while the fifth, i.e. the Kajugar Kamkari Union sent in a return which was not properly audited. The registration of this union as well as of the remaining seven unions was therefore cancelled.

5. Most of the returns received were found to be defective in some respect or other and in many cases the errors which had been pointed out in previous returns were repeated. Frequent changes in the officers of the unions may have been responsible for this state of affairs but in any case it is obvious that little heed has been paid by trade union officials to the detailed instructions specially drawn up for their guidance in filling in the returns and to the warnings and advice in regard to various defects in the former annual returns contained in this office correspondence with them. A little more care on the part of the unions would have

avoided such simple mistakes as not dating the return, not showing the year to which the return relates, not setting out the address of the head office in full as required, not getting the signatures of the secretary, the treasurer and the auditors where required, failing to attach an up-to-date copy of the rules or a copy of the auditors' report where one has been made, etc. These shortcomings were, however, fewer than in the previous year. In notifying the changes in officers several unions ignored the fact that the term "officers" applies not only to office-bearers such as the president, secretary, etc., but also to members of the executive committees. This ignorance, coupled with the chaotic state of the records of many unions, resulted in great confusion in notifying the changes coherently, and the task of bringing the register up-to-date in this respect has been rendered very difficult. Another common failing amongst the unions was their failure to see that the opening figures of membership and funds given in the returns tallied with the closing balances of the previous year. Here again, absence of previous records is understood to have been the main reason. Comparatively fewer unions than last year failed to append up-to-date copies of their rules with the returns in the first instance. With a view to saving time, the officials of many of the Bombay unions whose annual returns were defective were personally interviewed and the defects in their returns explained to them. By this method it was possible in many cases to avoid unnecessary delay in getting the returns rectified. Correspondence had to be carried on with the unions whose head offices are situated outside Bombay City and this entailed much delay. Owing to these difficulties, no return could be accepted earlier than October. Eleven returns were accepted in that month, seventeen in November and thirteen in December.

6. Only five unions had a membership of over 2,000 during the year under report and it was only these unions whose annual accounts were required to be audited by auditors qualified to audit company accounts (*vide* rule 18 of the Bombay Trade Unions Regulations, 1927), but the number of unions who actually engaged such auditors was 22. Of the remaining 19 unions, thirteen had their accounts audited each by two ordinary members, three by persons holding office as members of a municipal council and three by holders of a Government Diploma in Accountancy. The accounts of six unions were signed by the auditors subject to certain remarks and in all these cases the audit had been carried out by auditors qualified to audit company accounts. Some of these remarks revealed serious irregularities in the conduct of the unions and it is to be regretted that all auditors are not equally vigilant in their examination of the books of trade unions. The value to be attached to some of these "auditors'" certificates is shown by the fact that one was authenticated by the thumb impression of the illiterate person responsible for the audit.

7. Full information regarding the membership, income and expenditure and opening and closing balances in respect of the 41 individual unions which submitted returns is given in the statement

in Form A appended to the report. This statement has been remodelled and the unions have been regrouped according to the classification suggested in the Government of India, Department of Industries and Labour, letter No. L-1524, dated the 20th November 1935. Employers' Associations have been put in a separate group by themselves at the end of the statement. The total membership of the reporting unions increased from 51,778 to 53,552 during the year under report. The number of withdrawals from membership was only about two-thirds the number of accessions. It will be observed that the only groups that reported decreases in membership were "Tramways" and "Docks and Port Trusts". The actual and percentage variations in the membership of each group were as shown below :—

Group.	Membership at		Total increase or decrease.	Percentage increase or decrease.
	beginning of year.	end of year.		
Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways ...	20,902	21,667	+765	+3·66
Tramways ...	263	160	−103	−39·16
Textiles ...	2,153	2,673	+520	+24·15
Printing Presses ...	831	1,020	+189	+24·74
Municipal ...	1,673	2,026	+353	+21·10
Seamen ...	20,729	20,833	+104	+0·50
Docks and Port Trusts ...	4,802	4,540	−262	−5·46
Miscellaneous ...	415	544	+129	+31·08
Employers' Associations ...	10	89	+79	+790·00

The female membership of registered trade unions increased from 391 to 485 in spite of the exclusion of the membership of the Kajugar Kamkari Union, Bombay, which consisted almost entirely of female workers. As regards funds, the B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad, the G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, the Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union, Dhulia, and the Karachi Dock Workers' Union, Karachi, showed debit balances in their general fund accounts, but the deficits in the case of the second and third unions were smaller than what they were at the close of last year. Six unions had no opening balance of the general fund to report. In the case of 19 unions, the balances of general funds at the close of the year were larger than at the beginning. The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, continued to maintain its political fund.

8. No federation of trade unions was borne on the register during the year under report. The statement in Form "B" is therefore blank.

9. The following table gives details of the assets of each of the 41 unions which submitted returns for the year ended 31st March 1935 under the heads : (1) cash (either in hand or in bank or banks) ; (2) securities ; (3) unpaid subscriptions due ; and (4) miscellaneous.

Statement showing the details of the Assets of the Trade Unions Registered at the close of the year ended the 31st March 1935.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad, (27th October 1927).	19 11 9	.....	.....	3,784 6 3*
2	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay, (31st October 1927).	4,936 8 5	4,556 4 0	543 0 0	2,890 2 0
3	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, (22nd August 1928).	15,989 14 3	55,233 3 6	3,509 7 5	4,580 6 6
4	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay, (12th September 1928).	785 5 4	.....	632 8 0	110 8 0
5	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, (10th October 1928).	1,378 2 10	1,566 0 0	56 11 0	121 8 0
6	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay, (20th February 1930).	942 10 3	843 12 0	87 8 0	116 8 0
7	The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, (18th January 1932).	1,424 6 2	.....	.....	5,843 5 0*
8	The G. I. P. Railway Administrative and Executive Offices Staff Union, Bombay, (3rd March 1932).	1,321 2 0	.....	52 8 0	39 0 6
9	The Bombay Lorry Transport Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th October 1932).	17 9 0	.....	.....	117 8 0
10	The G. I. P. Railway Labour Union, Bombay, (7th December 1933).		Registration	cancelled.	
11	The New G. I. P. Railway Staff Union, Bombay, (7th February 1935).	48 0 6	.....	54 4 0	60 0 0
	Total ...	26,863 6 6	62,199 3 6	4,935 14 5	17,663 4 3
	Tramways.				
12	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay, (24th May 1929).	179 11 6	.....	176 2 0	134 15 0
	Total ...	179 11 6	.....	176 2 0	134 15 0

*Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Textile Industry.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
13	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1927).	38 10 3	.....	.....	512 5 0
14	The Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay, (21st May 1928).	10 0 0	.....	178 4 0	400 0 0
15	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay, (1st June 1928).	192 6 6	.....	497 14 0	11 4 0
16	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay, (11th September 1930).	2,256 4 1	7,800 0 0	210 8 0	896 4 0
17	The Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union, Dhulia, (8th April 1933).	16 8 0	.....	.....	198 12 0*
18	The Swatantra Kamgar Sangha, Bombay, (3rd October 1934).		Registration	cancelled.	
19	The Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, (20th March 1935).	.....	.....	20 0 0	.....
	Total ...	2,513 12 10	7,800 0 0	906 10 0	2,018 9 0
	Printing Presses.				
20	The Government Central Press Employees' Union, Bombay, (28th April 1932).	222 7 1	.....	360 7 0	21 0 0
21	The Bombay Press Workers' Union, Bombay, (20th January 1933),	11 8 0 †(65 0 0	....	363 8 0 523 0 0	....)
22	The Lal Bavta Press Kamgar Union, Bombay, (18th September 1934).	0 6 3	.....	109 12 0	6 10 9
	Total ...	234 5 4	.....	838 11 0	27 10 9
	Municipal.				
23	The Karachi Municipal Sweepers' Union, Karachi, (5th January 1928).	668 7 1	.....	.....	1,218 2 9
24	The Karachi Municipal Labour Union, Karachi, (24th February 1930).	1,276 13 9	.....	.....	384 8 0
25	The Karachi Municipal Employees' Association, Karachi, (31st May 1932).	1,046 11 8	.....	189 0 0	170 0 0
26	The Karachi Municipal Sub-Inspectors and Lower Grade Staff Union, Karachi, (21st December 1933).	560 6 10	.....	.....	.....
27	The Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay, (29th March 1935).	40 0 0	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	3,592 7 4	.....	189 0 0	1,773 10 9

* Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

† Figures for 1933-34 now available.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	Seamen.				
28	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, (30th March 1932).	155 10 7	.....	2,64,699 0 0	1,833 5 1
29	The Karachi Seamen's Union, Karachi, (6th May 1933).	4 12 0	.....	5 8 0	40 0 0
	Total ...	160 6 7	.....	2,64,704 8 0	1,868 5 1
	Dock's and Port Trusts.				
30	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay, (4th January 1929).	6,329 10 6	9,493 2 0	855 2 0	1,734 1 6
31	The Karachi Port Trust Labour Union, Karachi, (28th February 1929).	166 0 9	.....	.....	1,021 8 9
32	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay, (12th September 1929).	7,130 3 6	.....	429 14 0	275 5 1
33	The Karachi Dock Workers' Union, Karachi, (10th August 1931).	9 4 0	.....	.....	314 12 3*
34	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th February 1932).	8 3 3	.....	215 8 9	25 0 0
35	The Bombay Docks and Harbour Stevedores Labour Union, Bombay, (16th May 1933).	242 6 3	.....	1,138 8 0	39 6 0
36	The Karachi Port Trust Employees Association, Karachi, (25th January 1934).	360 3 6	.....	23 8 0	.....
	Total ...	14,246 15 9	9,493 2 0	2,702 8 9	3,410 1 7
	Miscellaneous.				
37	The Bombay Telephone Company Employees' Union, Bombay, (21st August 1928).		Registration	cancelled.	
38	The Clerks' Union, Bombay, (8th October 1928).		Registration	cancelled.	
39	The Ambernath Labour Union, Ambernath, (29th January 1929).		Registration	cancelled.	
40	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay, (31st August 1929).	533 10 6	.....	40 0 0	49 6 0
41	The Bombay Umbrella Makers' Association, Bombay, (31st May 1932).		Registration	cancelled.	
42	The Kajngar Kamkari Union, Bombay, (27th January 1933).		Registration	cancelled.	
43	The Telegraph Messengers and Lower Grade Staff Union, Karachi, (29th January 1934).	226 15 6	.....	66 2 0	55 3 0

* Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subcriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Miscellaneous—contd.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
44	The Hyderabad Secondary Teachers' Union, Hyderabad, Sind, (15th February 1934).	109 3 3	.....	.....	31 0 0
45	The Karachi Factories Workers' Union, Karachi. (4th August 1934).	31 2 6	.....	.....	.....
46	The Bombay Jaribharat Union, Bombay, (5th October 1934).		Registration	cancelled.	
47	The Painting Kamgar Union, Bombay, (21st December 1934).	.....	.....	10 4 0	.....
	Total ...	900 15 9	.....	116 6 0	135 9 0
	Employers' Associations.				
48	The Cinema Trade Association of India, Bombay, (24th January 1934).	329 3 6	.....	1,080 0 0	80 13 6
49	The Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association, Ahmedabad, (31st January 1935).	1,043 8 7	.....	594 10 0	95 2 0
	Total ...	1,442 12 1	.....	1,674 10 0	175 15 6
	Grand Total ...	50,133 13 8	79,492 5 6	2,76,244 6 2	27,207 0 11

The general fund was the principal liability of the majority of the unions. It formed the only liability of seventeen unions, while only four unions had liabilities other than the general fund. The total amount at the credit of the general fund account of all the unions was Rs. 4,04,801-5-6 and other liabilities amounted to Rs. 28,276-4-9 as against total "assets" amounting to Rs. 4,33,077-10-3. The figure for total assets includes an amount of Rs. 2,76,244-6-2 for unpaid subscriptions, the real value of which is very doubtful. The auditors of the Cinema Trade Association of India, Bombay, have specifically drawn attention to the fact that in the case of this union a large part of the unpaid subscriptions due is irrecoverable. Amongst the figures of "unpaid subscriptions due" those returned by the National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, are particularly striking. The union returns "assets" valued at 2·67 lakhs of rupees of which 2·65 lakhs are made up of unpaid subscriptions. The true value of this "asset" may be gauged by the fact that only Rs. 4,338 in subscriptions were realised during the whole year. Moreover this union actually did not show any members as having left during the year; on the contrary it reported an increase of membership of 95, making a total of 20,764!

The amount of cash assets was the largest in the case of the railway group and amounted to Rs. 26,863-6-6. To this sum the National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, alone contributed cash assets amounting to Rs. 15,989-14-3. This union also held securities worth over Rs. 55,000 out of total securities, amounting to Rs. 79,492-5-6, held by six unions.

10. During the year alterations were made by four unions once, and by two unions twice, in their registered constitution and rules. These were duly notified and registered.

11. No appeal was preferred under section 11 of the Act in the year under report.

12. According to the quarterly reviews published in the *Labour Gazette*, at the beginning of the year the total number of trade unions—registered as well as unregistered—in the Bombay Presidency was 103 with a membership of 115,186 while at the close of the year there were 114 unions comprising 110,723 members. Nearly half the total number of unions were registered under the Act. Of the remaining unions, 35 were associations of employees of the Postal and Telegraph Departments, consisting mainly of clerical workers. The enfranchisement of manual labour in the new constitution and the proposals to form trade union constituencies for the purpose of electing labour representatives to the reformed legislatures, have not only induced several of the existing unions to seek registration under the Act but also given an impetus to the formation of new unions amongst the hitherto unorganised workers in industries with a view to their ultimate registration. No fewer than 18 unions were registered during the year 1935 and half a dozen applications for registration were pending at the close of the year. The volume of work in connection with the administration of the Act devolving on this office has been steadily increasing and for several months in the year takes up the greater part of the time of Mr. S. V. Joshi, Assistant Commissioner of Labour, and Mr. S. S. Rajagopalan, Statistical Superintendent of the Labour Office. I am indebted to them for their valuable assistance and so, I am sure, are the many trade union officials who come to them for help and guidance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. F. GENNINGS,
Registrar of Trade Unions,
Bombay Presidency.

FORM

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	Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways.							
1	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad, (27th October 1927).	546	388	259	675	...	675	...
2	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay, (31st October 1927).	3,779	293	857	3,215	...	3,215	...
3	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, (22nd August 1928).	3,176	1,802	340	4,606	32	4,638	3,404
4	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay, (12th September 1928).	315	439	2	752	...	752	...
5	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, (10th October 1928).	376	57	157	276	...	276	...
6	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay, (20th February 1930).	350	20	44	326	...	326	...
7	The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, (18th January 1932).	12,040	...	1,005	11,008	27	11,035	...
8	The G. I. P. Railway Administrative and Executive Offices Staff Union, Bombay, (3rd March 1932).	219	1	42	178	...	178	...
9	The Bombay Lorry Transport Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th October 1932).	101	10	1	110	...	110	...
10	The G. I. P. Railway Labour Union, Bombay, (7th December 1933).						Registration	
11	The New G. I. P. Railway Staff Union, Bombay, (7th February 1935).	...‡	462	...	462	...	462	...
	Total ...	20,902	3,472	2,707	21,608	59	21,667	3,404
	Tramways.							
12	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay, (24th May 1928).	263	29	132	160	...	160	...
	Total ...	263	29	132	160	...	160	...

‡ The Union was formed during the year.

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
*—3,423 0 4**	1,788 0 0	1,958 6 5	*—3,593 6 9†*	...	...	...	...
12,094 5 4	5,016 15 2	6,796 13 6	10,914 7 0	...	...	...	...
75,595 5 3	60,965 3 6	60,008 1 3	76,552 7 6	...	2,170 10 0	1,380 5 0	790 5 0
1,406 7 4	1,637 11 0	1,672 5 0	1,371 13 4	...	...	...	...
1,262 9 4	833 0 0	812 3 6	1,283 5 10	...	...	...	...
1,605 15 9	1,117 1 0	732 10 6	1,990 6 3	...	...	...	...
*—5,529 3 9**	23,911 11 0	19,379 8 4	*—997 1 1†*	...	...	...	...
1,315 2 9	542 9 0	541 9 3	1,316 2 6	...	...	...	...
323 10 0	2,327 7 0	2,516 0 0	135 1 0	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
.....	276 12 0	174 7 6	102 4 6	...	...	...	...
85,251 8 8	98,416 5 8	94,592 1 3	89,075 8 1	...	2,170 10 0	1,380 5 0	790 5 0
618 3 0	478 5 0	626 11 6	469 12 6	...	...	...	...
618 3 0	478 5 0	626 11 6	469 12 6	...	...	...	...

* Debit balance.

† Excess of expenditure over income.

FORM

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	Textile Industry.							
13	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1927).	64	10	20	54	...	54	...
14	The Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay, (21st May 1928).	140	...	...	§ 140	...	140	...
15	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay, (1st June 1928).	1,600	420	...	2,020	...	2,020	...
16	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay, (11th September 1930).	209	22	97	224	...	224	...
17	The Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union, Dhulia, (8th April 1933).	50	146	186	10	...	10	...
18	The Swatantra Kamgar Sangha, Bombay, (3rd October 1934).						Registration	
19	The Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, (26th March 1935).	...†	225	...	225	...	225	...
	Total ...	2,153	823	303	2,673	...	2,673	...
	Printing Presses.							
20	The Government Central Press Employees' Union, Bombay, (28th April 1932).	315	17	6	326	...	326	...
21	The Bombay Press Workers' Union, Bombay, (20th January 1933).	475 §(350	55 125	111 ...	419 475	... ...	419 475	... ...
22	The Lal Bavta Press Kamgar Union, Bombay, (18th September 1934).	41	235	1	275	...	275	...
	Total ..	831	307	118	1,020	...	1,020	...
	Municipal.							
23	The Karachi Municipal Sweepers' Union, Karachi, (5th January 1928).	756	183	...	564	375	939	...
24	The Karachi Municipal Labour Union, Karachi, (24th February 1930).	598	196	73	695	26	721	...
25	The Karachi Municipal Employees' Association, Karachi, (31st May 1932).	217	21	69	169	...	169	...
26	The Karachi Municipal Sub-Inspectors and Lower Grade Staff Union, Karachi, (21st December 1933).	102	...	30	72	...	72	...
27	The Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay, (29th March 1935).	...†	125	...	125	...	125	...
	Total ...	1,673	525	172	1,625	401	2,026	...

† The Union was formed during the year.
§ These are the figures for the year 1933-34 which are now available.

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
670 14 8	277 0 0	396 15 5	550 15 3	...	...	...	...
599 12 0	420 0 0	431 8 0	588 4 0	...	...	...	...
1,954 4 6	2,552 2 0	3,849 14 0	656 8 6	...	...	...	...
10,657 13 1	2,023 8 0	1,587 5 0	11,093 0 1	...	...	...	...
*—226 4 0** cancelled.	49 0 0	21 8 0	*—198 12 0†*	...	...	...	...
.....	76 4 0	61 14 0	14 6 0	...	...	...	...
13,656 8 3	5,396 14 0	6,349 0 5	12,704 5 10	...	...	...	...
523 15 10	424 10 0	344 11 9	603 14 1	...	...	...	...
588 0 0	628 8 0	836 8 0	380 0 0	...	...	...	...
85 0 0	713 0 0	210 0 0	588 0 0)	...	...	...	...
3 2 0	524 6 0	442 11 0	84 18 0	...	...	...	...
1,115 1 10	1,577 8 0	1,623 14 9	1,068 11 1	...	...	...	...
1,558 6 4	4,137 8 0	3,819 4 6	1,876 9 10	...	...	...	...
492 1 3	2,229 9 0	1,060 4 6	1,661 5 9	...	...	...	...
1,204 7 8	731 5 3	530 1 3	1,405 11 8	...	...	...	...
361 8 6	285 11 1	86 7 9	560 6 10	...	...	...	...
.....	80 8 0	40 8 0	40 0 0	...	...	...	...
3,616 2 9	7,464 9 4	5,536 10 0	5,544 2 1	...	...	...	...

* Debit balance. † Excess of expenditure over income.

FORM

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	Seamen.							
28	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, (30th March 1932).	20,669	95	...	20,764	...	20,764	...
29	The Karachi Seamen's Union, Karachi, (6th May 1933).	60	9	...	69	...	69	...
	Total ...	20,729	104	...	20,833	...	20,833	...
	Docks and Port Trusts.							
30	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay, (4th January 1929).	627	50	60	617	...	617	...
31	The Karachi Port Trust Labour Union, Karachi, (28th February 1929).	985	325	182	1,126	2	1,128	...
32	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay, (12th September 1929).	794	5	22	777	...	777	...
33	The Karachi Dock Workers' Union, Karachi, (10th August 1931).	290	96	68	318	...	318	...
34	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th February 1932).	491	...	150	341	...	341	...
35	The Bombay Docks and Harbour Stevedores Labour Union, Bombay, (16th May 1932).	1,528	...	271	1,257	...	1,257	...
36	The Karachi Port Trust Employees Association, Karachi, (25th January 1934).	87	49	34	102	...	102	...
	Total ...	4,802	525	787	4,538	2	4,540	...
	Miscellaneous.							
37	The Bombay Telephone Company Employees' Union, Bombay, (21st August 1928).						Registration	
38	The Clerks' Union, Bombay, (8th October 1928).						Registration	
39	The Ambernath Labour Union, Ambernath, (29th January 1929).						Registration	
40	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay, (31st August 1929).	43	40	30	53	...	53	...

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
2,30,102 11 2	62,387 0 0	34,279 8 0	2,58,210 3 2	...	...	...	...
6 13 0	34 8 0	31 1 0	10 4 0	...	...	...	...
2,30,109 8 2	62,421 8 0	34,310 9 0	2,58,220 7 2	...	...	...	...
17,942 9 11	3,067 10 0	2,558 3 11	18,452 0 0	...	...	...	...
773 4 0	3,401 5 6	3,259 0 0	915 9 6	...	...	...	...
7,970 8 10	1,750 7 0	2,011 1 3	7,709 14 7	...	...	...	...
134 12 9	366 2 0	542 6 3	—41 7 6*	...	...	...	...
116 9 3	1,023 0 0	1,106 6 0	33 3 3	...	...	...	...
1,494 5 0	2,044 0 0	2,148 0 9	1,390 4 8	...	...	...	...
85 6 0	329 14 0	31 8 6	383 11 6	...	...	...	...
28,517 7 9	11,982 6 6	11,656 10 8	28,843 3 7	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
cancelled.							
cancelled.							
696 0 3	97 5 0	170 4 9	623 0 6	...	...	...	...

* Excess of expenditure over income.

FORM

Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year.	Number of members.						
	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year.			Subscribing to political fund.
					Males.	Females.	Total.	
	Miscellaneous—contd.							
41	The Bombay Umbrella Makers' Association, Bombay, (31st May 1932).						Registration	
42	The Kajugar Kamkari Union, Bombay, (27th January 1933).						Registration	
43	The Telegraph Messengers and Lower Grade Staff Union, Karachi, (23th January 1934).	113	30	...	143	...	143	...
44	The Hyderabad Secondary Teachers' Union, Hyderabad, Sind, (15th February 1934).	107	40	42	82	23	105	...
45	The Karachi Factories Workers' Union, Karachi, (4th August 1934).	152	62	30	184	...	184	...
46	The Bombay Jaribharat Union, Bombay, (5th October 1934).						Registration	
47	The Painting Kamgar Union, Bombay, (21st December 1934).	...*	59	...	59	...	59	...
	Total ...	415	231	102	521	23	544	..
	Employers' Associations.							
48	The Cinema Trade Association of India, Bombay, (24th January 1934).	10	...	...	10	...	10	...
49	The Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association, Ahmedabad, (21st January 1935).	...†	79	...	79	...	79	...
	Total ...	10	79	...	89	...	89	...
	Grand Total ...	51,778	6,095	4,321	53,067	485	53,552	3,404

* The Union was formed during the year.

† The Association had been formed in 1932 but the membership figure furnished related to 1st January 1935 and it has therefore been shown in the next column.

A—*concld.*

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
cancelled.							
cancelled.							
108 5 0	557 4 0	324 15 0	340 10 0	...	...	...	...
66 8 9	107 0 0	33 5 6	140 3 3	...	...	...	...
.....	177 0 0	145 13 6	31 2 6	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
.....	52 11 0	42 7 0	10 4 0	...	...	...	...
870 14 0	991 4 0	716 13 9	1,145 4 3	...	...	...	...
714 12 0	885 0 0	39 11 0	1,560 1 0	...	...	...	...
.....	2,236 4 1	897 1 6	1,339 2 7	...	...	...	...
714 12 0	3,121 4 1	936 12 6	2,899 3 7	...	...	...	...
3,64,469 13 5	1,91,350 0 7	1,56,349 3 10	3,99,970 10 2	...	2,170 10 0	1,380 5 0	790 5 0

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS,
BOMBAY PRESIDENCY,
SECRETARIAT, BOMBAY.
The 23rd February 1937.

From

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Registrar of Trade Unions, Bombay Presidency,
Secretariat, Bombay;

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Political and Reforms Department, Bombay.

Subject.—Annual Report on the Working of the Indian Trade Unions Act (No. XVI of 1926) for the year 1935-36.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the working of the Indian Trade Unions Act in the Bombay Presidency for the year ending 31st March 1936.

2. It has not been possible to submit the report earlier owing to the difficulty experienced again this year in obtaining correct and complete returns from the unions. The period for the preparation of the annual returns coincided this year with the preparation and submission of the electoral lists of their members by recognised trade unions to the Registrar of Trade Unions and many of them were, therefore, not in a position to attend to the preparation of their returns. They therefore asked for permission to submit the returns later than the prescribed date. A few other unions asked for extension of time as the audit of their accounts had not been completed, and in both the cases, therefore, the extensions asked for had to be granted. Moreover, in the case of most of the returns a scrutiny showed that they were not in order for one reason or another and they had consequently to be sent back for rectification, sometimes more than once, before they could be finally accepted. With a view to saving time and avoiding lengthy correspondence the officials of several unions with head offices in Bombay were called for interview to explain to them the defects in their returns. The procedure, however, did not meet with the desired success as it was not always possible to get into touch with the union officials without addressing them several times in the matter. Even when the defects had been fully explained to them it was several days before the requisite information or the rectified returns were forthcoming and it was only in the last week of January 1937 that the last annual return could be accepted for tabulation.

3. Sixteen new unions, one of which was a Federation, were registered during the year under report bringing the total number of registrations as at 31st March 1936 to 106. The registrations of 41 unions had been cancelled before the 1st April 1935, and during the year under report the names of the following nine trade unions were removed from the register :—(1) The Bombay Telephone Company Employees' Union, Bombay, (2) the Clerks' Union, Bombay, (3) the Bombay Umbrella Makers' Association, Bombay, (4) the Kajugar Kamkari Union, Bombay, (5) the G. I. P. Railway Labour Union, Bombay, (6) the Swatantra Kamgar Sangha, Bombay, (7) the Bombay Jaribharat Union, Bombay, (8) the Ambernath Labour Union, Ambernath, and (9) the Cinema Trade Association of India, Bombay. The first seven unions had failed to submit their annual returns and the eighth had ceased to exist, while the ninth applied for cancellation of its registration. The net number of unions on the register on 31st March 1936 was thus 56.

4. Of the 56 unions the following six unions were served with notices of cancellation of registration under section 10 (*b*) of the Act for failure to submit their returns :—(1) the G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay; (2) the Bombay Hawkers' Union, Bombay; (3) the Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay; (4) the Bombay Hack Victoriamen's Union, Bombay; (5) the Eyre Company's Employees' Union, Bombay; and (6) the Ahmedabad Motor Drivers' Association, Ahmedabad. In addition to these six unions the New Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, was served with a notice under section 10 (*b*) of the Act on the ground that it had ceased to function. Of these only the first two unions submitted their returns before the expiry of the notice. The registrations of the remaining five unions were cancelled There were thus 51 unions, including one federation, whose annual returns have been incorporated in the Report.

5. Owing to the constitution of Sind into a separate province with effect from 1st April 1936, all records relating to the unions having their head offices in that province were transferred to the Registrar of Trade Unions in Sind and consequently the 12 unions from which annual returns were due had to submit their returns to that officer for scrutiny and examination. As Sind, however, formed part of the Bombay Presidency during the year under review, particulars relating to these twelve unions have been incorporated in this report; but while presenting the statistical data, figures regarding membership, income, expenditure, etc., pertaining to these unions have been shown separately in order to permit of comparison with future years.

6. As stated in paragraph 2 of this report most of the returns received were found to be defective in some respect or the other. Although a detailed memorandum of instructions is sent to all the unions with the forms every year the trade union officials still do not appear to follow the instructions given, with the result that many of the common defects which could have been easily avoided were again noticeable this year. For instance, in several cases the

return was either not dated or the year to which the return related was not shown. Several unions failed to attach up-to-date copies of their rules as required, and in a few cases the returns were not even signed by the officers concerned. Another defect which was noticeable was the failure to show correctly the entries made against the head " contributions from members " on the income side of the General Fund Account. In several cases the list of officers enclosed with the return was incomplete. In a few cases, the accounts of the unions were not audited in the manner prescribed under the Act, and the unions concerned had to be asked to get them reaudited as required. In one case, part of the expenditure incurred in connection with a function altogether of a private character was met from the funds of the union.

7. The annual accounts of 27 unions were audited by auditors qualified to audit company accounts, whereas only eight of these need have engaged such auditors according to rule 18 of the Bombay Trade Unions Regulations, 1927. Of the remaining 24 unions, six had their accounts audited by two Municipal Councillors and fourteen by two of their ordinary members, while in the remaining four cases the auditors were the holders of a Government Diploma in Accountancy. The auditors' remarks appended to the returns point to serious irregularities in some cases. For example, the accounts of the branches of the G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, other than the Bombay branch were reported not to have been audited before their incorporation in the consolidated accounts, the auditors finding it impossible even to ascertain how many branches were actually functioning during the year. The auditors of the B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union could not get the members' registers of the branches for the purpose of checking them with the receipts, while in the case of the Dockyard Labour Union, the auditors were not supplied with the original receipts or statements for verification of the amount of subscription collected from members.

8. Table A appended to the report gives full information regarding the composition of the membership, income and expenditure and opening and closing balances in respect of the 50 individual unions which submitted annual returns for the year. Table B gives similar information with regard to the Federation—the Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad—which was registered during the year. The total membership of the reporting unions decreased from 57,680 to 51,882 during the year, the number of withdrawals of membership being about one and half times the number of additions effected. It is of interest to note that the only groups of Workers' Unions to report decreases in membership were " Railways and Transport other than Tramways ", " Docks and Port Trusts " and " Seamen ", but the fall in their membership, particularly in the case of " Seamen " was sufficiently heavy to more than counterbalance the increases recorded by the other groups. The Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association, the only employers' organisation, also recorded a decrease in its membership. The most notable increase in the membership was registered by the Textile

group which gained about 7,500 additional members during the year. The actual and percentage variations in the membership of each group were as shown below :—

Group.	Membership at		Total increase or decrease.	Percentage increase or decrease.
	beginning of year.	end of year.		
Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than tramways ...	21,697	19,256	-2,441	-11·25
Tramways ...	160	191	+31	+19·38
Textiles ...	2,739	10,561	+7,822	+285·58
Printing Presses ...	1,020	1,215	+195	+19·12
Municipal ...	2,026	2,926	+900	+44·42
Seamen ...	23,465	11,423	-12,042	-51·32
Docks and Port Trusts ...	4,540	4,096	-444	-9.78
Miscellaneous ...	1,954	2,137	+183	+9·37
Employers' associations ...	79	77	-2	-2·53

The position as regards female membership showed a distinct improvement during the year. In 1934-35 there were only six unions having about 485 female members on their rolls; but these numbers increased to 17 and 1,134 respectively during the year under report. The unions which contributed mainly to this rise were the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), the Bombay Hawkers' Union and the Match Factory Workers' Union, Ambernath.

9. As regards funds, the B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad, the G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, the Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union and the Karachi Dock Workers' Union showed, as in the previous year, debit balances in the General Fund Accounts. But the deficits in the case of the first three Unions were smaller than what they were at the close of the last year. One additional Union, viz., the Phurat Licensed Plumbers' Union, Bombay, also showed a debit balance of Rs. 3-7-0 in its General Fund account at the end of the year. In the case of 28 unions the balances of General Funds at the close of the year were larger than they were at the beginning of the year. The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, which was the only union maintaining a political fund and had a small balance of Rs. 37-2-0 at the close of the year, has, however, now decided to close it down. The following table gives details of the assets of each of the unions which submitted returns for the year ended 31st March 1936 under the heads (1) cash (either in hand or in bank or banks), (2) securities, (3) unpaid subscriptions due, and miscellaneous.

Statement showing the details of the Assets of the Trade Unions Registered at the close of the year ended the 31st March 1936.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities..	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways.				
1	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad, (27th October 1927).	3 5 6	.....	1,443 0 0	3,012 6 0*
2	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay, (31st October 1927).	931 6 4	4,853 2 0	775 0 0	6,565 12 3
3	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, (22nd August 1928).	20,461 7 1	57,950 3 0	2,549 12 10	5,065 14 0
4	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay, (12th September 1928).	1,976 15 4	.....	965 12 0	86 12 0
5	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, (10th October 1928).	3,333 8 10	.....	34 4 0	140 0 0
6	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay, (20th February 1930).	1,159 9 2	871 14 0	125 0 0	116 8 0
7	The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, (18th January 1932).	1,416 13 8	.....	.....	4,735 12 6
8	The G. I. P. Railway Administrative and Executive Offices Staff Union, Bombay, (3rd March 1932).	1,325 2 6	.....	69 12 0	41 0 6
9	The Bombay Lorry Transport Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th October 1932).	.....	.....	.....	104 8 0
10	The New G. I. P. Railway Staff Union, Bombay, (7th February 1935).	135 8 0	.....	625 10 0	104 14 3
11	The Bombay Hack Victoriamen's Union, Bombay, (6th April 1935)		Registration	cancelled.	
12	The G. I. P. Railway Contractors' and Licensed Coolies' Union, Bhusával, (11th April 1935)	15 1 9	.....	15 2 0	.....
13	The Ahmedabad Motor Drivers' Association, Ahmedabad, (26th July 1935)		Registration	cancelled.	
14	The Bombay Suburban Taxi Drivers' Association, Bombay, (29th November 1935).	264 1 6	.....	101 0 0	.....
	Presidency Total ...	30,972 15 8	63,675 3 0	6,704 4 10	19,973 7 6
	Tramways.				
15	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay, (24th May 1928).	239 1 3	.....	171 0 0	136 5 0
	Presidency Total ...	239 1 3	.....	171 0 0	136 5 0

* Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Textiles.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
16	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1927).	75 6 3	.....	.....	512 5 0
17	The Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay, (21st May 1928).		Registration cancelled.		
18	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay, (1st June 1928).	453 5 3	.....	1,882 14 0	11 4 0
19	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay, (11th September 1930).	2,742 10 1	7,920 0 0	262 4 0	930 9 0
20	The Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union, Dhulia, (8th April 1933).	32 14 0	.....	.....	182 6 0*
21	The Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, (26th March 1935).	.....	.....	266 4 0	.....
22	The New Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, (3rd April 1935)		Registration cancelled.		
23	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, (Red Flag) Bombay, (22nd October 1935)	6 8 0	.....	12,545 4 0	6 9 0
24	The Lal Bawta Girni Kamgar Union, Sholapur, (13th December 1935)	1 6 0	.....	44 8 0	.....
	Presidency Total ...	3,312 1 7	7,920 0 0	14,941 2 0	1,643 1 0
	Printing Presses.				
25	The Government Central Press Employees' Union, Bombay, (28th April 1932).	200 14 10	.....	475 2 9	21 0 0
26	The Bombay Press Workers' Union, Bombay, (20th January 1933),	11 8 0	.....	302 8 0	.....
27	The Lal Bavta Press Kamgar Union, Bombay, (18th September 1934).	1 10 6	.....	334 4 0	6 10 9
	Presidency Total ...	214 1 4	.....	1,111 14 9	27 10 9*
	Municipal.				
28	The Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay, (29th March 1935)	21 1 3	.....	.....	256 5 0
	Bombay Total ...	21 1 3	.....	.....	256 5 0
29	The Karachi Municipal Sweepers' Union, Karachi, (5th January 1928).	1,215 6 4	.....	196 8 0	1,371 8 3
30	The Karachi Municipal Labour Union, Karachi, (24th February 1930).	1,875 15 6	.....	.....	341 14 0
31	The Karachi Municipal Employees' Association, Karachi, (31st May 1932).	1,072 7 5	.....	219 8 0	160 0 0
32	The Karachi Municipal Corporation Employees' Union, Karachi, (21st December 1933)	487 13 8	.....	13 8 0	60 0 0
	Sind Total ...	4,651 9 11	.....	429 8 0	1,933 6 3
	Presidency Total ...	4,672 11 2	.....	429 8 0	2,189 11 3

* General Fund deficit only.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	Seamen.				
33	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, (30th March 1932).	123 7 4	.....	1,03,464 0 0	1,788 5 1
34	The Seamen's Union, Bombay, (6th April 1935)	12 3 3	.....	7,845 0 0	22 0 0
	Bombay Total ...	138 10 7	.....	1,11,309 0 0	1,810 5 1
35	The Karachi Seamen's Union, Karachi, (6th May 1933).	5 7 0	.....	.....	40 0 0
	Sind Total ...	5 7 0	.....	.....	40 0 0
	Presidency Total ...	144 1 7	.....	1,11,309 0 0	1,850 5 1
	Docks and Port Trusts.				
36	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay, (4th January 1929).	10,608 0 0	5,415 0 0	776 4 0	2,533 3 0
37	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay, (12th September 1929).	7,156 10 0	.....	318 14 0	275 5 1
38	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th February 1932).	.....	.....	.....	22 8 0
39	The Bombay Docks and Harbour Stevedores Labour Union, Bombay, (16th May 1933).	14 7 3	.....	452 0 0	39 6 0
40	The Dockyard Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1935).	679 13 0	.....	611 12 0	.....
	Bombay Total ...	18,458 14 3	5,415 0 0	2,158 14 0	2,870 6 1
41	The Karachi Port Trust Labour Union, Karachi, (28th February 1929).	406 4 6	.....	.....	1,374 12 9
42	The Karachi Dock Workers' Union, Karachi, (10th August 1931).	11 14 3	.....	.....	460 5 6*
43	The Karachi Port Trust Employees' Association, Karachi, (25th January 1934).	564 0 0	.....	2 12 0	.....
	Sind Total ...	982 2 9	.....	2 12 0	1,835 2 3
	Presidency Total ..	19,441 1 0	5,415 0 0	2,161 10 0	4,705 8 4
	Miscellaneous.				
44	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay, (31st August 1929)	485 10 6	.....	111 8 0	49 6 0
45	The Painting Kamgar Union, Bombay, (21st December 1934).	13 8 0	.....	67 14 0	.....
46	The Bombay Hawkers' Union, Bombay, (30th April 1935).	1 15 6	.....	585 2 0	.....
47	The Phurat Licensed Plumbers' Union, Bombay, (3rd May 1935).	10 9 0	.....	54 0 0	3 7 0*
48	The Match Factory Workers' Union, Ambernath, (4th July 1935).	181 13 9	.....	97b 4 0	.....
49	The Eyre Company's Employees' Union, Bombay, (27th July 1935).		Registration cancelled.		
50	The Bombay Presidency Electric Workmen's Union, Bombay, (9th September 1935).	15 6 6	.....	125 0 0	.....
	Bombay Total ...	707 15 3	.....	1,918 12 0	52 13 0

* Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration)	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subcriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Miscellaneous—contd.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
51	The Telegraph Messengers and Lower Grade Staff Union, Karachi, (29th January 1934).	265 3 4	.....	137 8 0	73 15 0
52	The Hyderabad Secondary Teachers' Union, Hyderabad, Sind, (15th February 1934).	119 12 0	.....	.....	31 0 0
53	The Karachi Factories Workers' Union, Karachi, (4th August 1934).	45 12 6	.....	96 14 0	9 12 0
54	The Sind and Baluchistan Circle Postmen and Lower Grade Staff Union, Karachi, (9th January 1936).	107 2 9	.....	112 0 0	223 3 9
	Sind Total ...	537 14 7	.....	346 6 0	347 14 9
	Presidency Total ...	1,245 13 10	.....	1,665 2 0	400 11 9
	Employers' Associations.				
55	The Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association, Ahmedabad, (21st January 1935).	219 5 4	.....	1,676 0 0	214 12 0
	Total ...	219 5 4	.....	1,676 0 0	214 12 0
	Bombay Grand Total ...	54,284 2 6	77,010 3 0	1,39,390 15 7	26,935 1 5
	Sind Grand Total ...	6,177 2 3	.....	776 10 0	4,156 7 8
	Presidency Grand Total ...	60,461 4 9	77, 010 3 0	1,40,169 9 7	31,141 8 8

10. The principal liability of the majority of the unions was the General Fund. If formed the only liability of 21 unions and a minor liability of one union, while five other unions had liabilities other than the General Fund. The total amount at the credit of the general fund accounts of all the unions was Rs. 2,77,577-13-4, and their other liabilities amounted to Rs. 31,204-12-8 as against total assets amounting to Rs. 3,08,782-10-0. The figure for total assets, however, includes an amount of Rs. 1,40,169-9-7 for unpaid subscriptions due, the real value of which is very doubtful. Amongst the figures of "unpaid subscriptions due" those returned by the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), Bombay, and the National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, are particularly striking. In the case of the former union the total assets were almost equal to the unpaid subscriptions due, while in the case of the latter of the total assets worth Rs. 1·05 lakhs Rs. 1·03 lakhs represented unpaid subscriptions due. Several unions have been warned for not properly enforcing their rules in connection with arrears of subscriptions. The amount of cash assets was the largest in the case of the railway group and amounted to Rs. 30,972-15-8. To this sum the National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, alone contributed cash assets amounting to Rs. 20,461-7-1.

Five unions held securities worth about Rs. 77,010, the National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma contributing Rs. 57,950 to this amount.

11. The assets of the Federation—the Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad—were made up of cash amounting to Rs. 11,357-11-9, securities worth Rs. 78,450-2-2, and Miscellaneous assets amounting to Rs. 1,58,418-3-4. The liabilities of the Federation were composed of the General Fund amounting to Rs. 1,36,901-15-9 and other liabilities to Rs. 1,11,324-1-6. The Federation also maintained a political fund which had a balance of Rs. 21,714-0-0 at the end of the year.

12. Sixteen unions effected alterations in their registered constitutions and rules during the year and notified them in accordance with the provisions of section 28 (3) of the Act read with rule 12 of the Bombay Trade Union Regulations, 1927. In ten cases, they were duly registered, while in six others the unions concerned were asked to modify them as they were not in order. Two unions had not complied with the provisions of the Act in this behalf and they were warned to be careful in this respect in future.

13. During the year under report no appeal was preferred under section 11 of the Act.

14. According to the quarterly reviews published in the *Labour Gazette* at the beginning of the year the number of trade unions—registered as well as unregistered—in the Bombay Presidency was 114 with a membership of 110,723 members. Fifty-four of the unions were registered under the Act. Of the remaining unions 35 were associations of employees of the Postal and Telegraph Department consisting mainly of clerical workers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. F. GENNINGS,

Registrar of Trade Unions,
Bombay Presidency.

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	Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways.							
1	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad, (27th October 1927).	675	57	...	732	...	732	...
2	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay (31st October 1927).	3,215	29	374	2,870	...	2,870	...
3	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, (22nd August 1928).	4,638	772	2,782	2,592	36	2,628	...
4	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay, (12th September 1928).	752	153	1	904	...	904	...
5	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, (10th October 1928).	276	27	42	261	...	261	...
6	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay, (20th February 1930).	326	...	42	284	...	284	...
7	The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, (18th January 1932).	11,035	...	2,360	8,668	7	8,675	...
8	The G. I. P. Railway Administrative and Executive Offices Staff Union, Bombay, (3rd March 1932).	178	...	81	97	...	97	...
9	The Bombay Lorry Transport Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th October 1932).	110	...	2	108	...	108	...
10	The New G. I. P. Railway Staff Union, Bombay, (7th February 1935).	462	2,248	174	2,534	2	2,536	...
11	The Bombay Hack Victoriamen's Union, Bombay, (6th April 1935).						Registration	
12	The G. I. P. Railway Contractors' and Licensed Coolies' Union, Bhusaval (11th April 1935).	30	75	...	104	1	105	...
13	The Ahmedabad Motor Drivers' Association, Ahmedabad, (26th July 1935).						Registration	
14	The Bombay Suburban Taxi Divers' Association, Bombay, (29th November 1935).	...*	56	...	56	...	56	...
	Presidency Total ...	21,697	3,417	5,858	19,210	46	19,256	...
	Tramways.							
15	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay, (24th May 1928).	160	32	1	191	...	191	...
	Presidency Total ...	160	32	1	191	...	191	...

* The Union was formed during the year.

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
—3,593 6 9†	1 595 0 0	809 0 3	—2,807 7 6‡	...	...	...	...
10,914 7 0	3,865 7 10	3,951 7 1	10,826 1 9	...	...	...	...
76,562 7 6	54,446 6 0	47,643 0 0	83,355 13 6	790 5 0	...	753 3 0	37 2 0
1,371 13 4	2,966 5 0	1,545 3 0	2,793 15 4	...	...	...	...
1,288 5 10	1,064 7 0	944 7 0	1,408 5 10	...	...	...	...
1,990 6 3	948 5 5	660 12 6	2,272 15 2	...	...	...	...
—997 1 1†	16,455 2 0	16,382 12 11	—924 12 0‡	...	...	...	...
1,316 2 6	370 2 0	330 5 6	1,355 15 0	...	...	...	...
135 1 0	1,781 3 0	1,811 12 0	104 8 0	...	...	...	...
102 4 6	3,042 10 6	2,798 14 9	346 0 3	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
.....	78 12 0	48 8 3	30 3 0	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
.....	448 0 0	82 14 6	365 1 6	...	...	...	...
89,075 8 1	87,054 6 9	77,009 1 9	99,120 13 1	790 5 0	...	753 3 0	37 2 0
469 12 6	470 13 0	586 3 3	354 6 3	...	...	...	...
469 12 6	470 13 0	586 3 3	354 6 3	...	...	...	...

† Debit balance.

‡ Excess of expenditu over income.

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	Textiles.							
16	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1927).	54	102	99	57	...	57	...
17	The Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay, (21st May 1928).						Registration	
18	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay, (1st June 1928).	2,020	672	...	2,643	49	2,692	...
19	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay, (11th September 1930).	224	57	29	252	...	252	...
20	The Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union, Dhulia, (8th April 1933).	10	190	150	49	1	50	...
21	The Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, (26th March 1935).	225	245	60	398	12	410	...
22	The New Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, (3rd April 1935).						Registration	
23	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, (Red Flag), Bombay, (22nd October 1935).	...*	6,700	...	6,352	348	6,700	...
24	The Lal Bavta Girni Kamgar Union, Sholapur, (13th December 1935).	206	194	...	400	...	400	...
	Presidency Total ...	2,739	8,160	338	10,151	410	10,561	...
	Printing Presses.							
25	The Government Central Press Employees' Union, Bombay, (28th April 1932).	326	22	4	344	...	344	...
26	The Bombay Press Workers' Union, Bombay, (20th January 1933)	419	45	51	413	...	413	...
27	The Lal Bavta Press Kamgar Union, Bombay, (18th September 1934).	275	187	4	458	...	458	...
	Presidency Total ..	1,020	254	59	1,215	...	1,215	...
	Municipal.							
28	The Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay, (29th March 1935).	125	203	...	313	15	328	...
	Bombay Total ...	125	203	..	313	15	328	...
29	The Karachi Municipal Sweepers' Union, Karachi, (5th January 1928).	939	764	...	1,303	400	1,703	...
30	The Karachi Municipal Labour Union, Karachi, (24th February 1930).	721	311	407	599	26	625	...
31	The Karachi Municipal Employees' Association, Karachi, (31st May 1932).	169	51	27	193	...	193	...
32	The Karachi Municipal Corporation Employees' Union, Karachi, (21st December 1933).	72	30	25	77	...	77	...
	Sind Total ...	1,901	1,158	459	2,172	426	2,598	...
	Presidency Total ...	2,026	1,359	459	2,485	441	2,926	...

* The Union was formed during the year.

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
650 15 3	386 8 0	349 12 0	687 11 3	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
656 8 6	3,439 13 0	2,049 13 3	2,046 8 3	...	...	...	...
11,093 0 1	2,396 0 0	1,633 9 0	11,855 7 1	...	...	...	...
—198 12 0†	63 6 0	47 0 0	—182 6 0‡	...	...	...	...
14 6 0	691 12 0	501 13 6	204 4 6	...	...	...	
cancelled.							
.....	13,415 0 0	1,024 11 0	12,390 5 0	...	...	...	...
43 8 0	504 0 0	501 10 0	45 14 0	...	...	...	...
12,159 9 10	20,896 7 0	6,108 4 9	26,947 12 1	...	...	...	...
603 14 1	384 7 0	363 3 6	625 1 7	...	...	...	...
380 0 0	619 8 0	685 8 0	314 0 0	...	...	...	...
84 13 0	598 9 0	601 9 9	81 12 3	...	...	...	...
1,068 11 1	1,602 8 0	1,650 5 3	1,020 13 10	...	...	...	...
40 0 0	828 10 0	591 3 9	277 6 3	...	...	...	...
40 0 0	828 10 0	591 3 9	277 6 3	...	...	...	...
1,876 9 10	4,480 0 0	3,874 3 3	2,482 6 7	...	...	...	...
1,661 5 9	2,166 6 0	1,700 14 3	2,116 13 6	...	...	...	...
1,405 11 8	667 3 9	671 0 0	1,401 15 5	...	...	...	...
560 6 10	381 2 10	380 5 0	561 4 8	...	...	...	...
5,504 2 1	7,684 12 7	6,626 6 6	6,562 8 2	...	...	...	...
5,544 2 1	8,513 6 7	7,217 10 3	6,839 14 5	...	...	...	...

† Debit balance. ‡ Excess of expenditure over income.

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	Seamen.							
33	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, (30th March 1932).	20,764	106	12,200	8,670	...	8,670	...
34	The Seamen's Union, Bombay, (6th April 1935).	2,632	40	...	2,672	...	2,672	...
	Bombay Total ...	23,396	146	12,200	11,342	...	11,342	...
35	The Karachi Seamen's Union, Karachi, (6th May 1933).	69	23	11	81	...	81	...
	Sind Total ...	69	23	11	81	...	81	...
	Presidency Total ...	23,465	169	12,211	11,423	...	11,423	...
	Docks and Port Trusts.							
36	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay, (4th January 1929).	617	182	56	743	...	743	...
37	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay, (12th September 1929).	777	11	12	776	...	776	...
38	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th February 1932).	341	150	...	491	...	491	...
39	The Bombay Docks and Harbour Stevedores Labour Union, Bombay, (16th May 1932).	1,257	...	1,083	174	...	174	...
40	The Dockyard Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1935).	...*	588	...	588	...	588	...
	Bombay Total ...	2,992	931	1,151	2,772	...	2,772	...
41	The Karachi Port Trust Labour Union, Karachi, (28th February 1929).	1,128	125	152	1,100	1	1,101	...
42	The Karachi Dock Workers' Union, Karachi, (10th August 1931).	318	...	170	148	...	148	...
43	The Karachi Port Trust Employees Association, Karachi, (25th January 1934).	102	23	50	75	...	75	...
	Sind Total ...	1,548	148	372	1,323	1	1,324	...
	Presidency Total ...	4,540	1,079	1,523	4,095	1	4,096	...
	Miscellaneous.							
44	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay, (31st August 1929).	53	15	19	49	...	49	...
45	The Painting Kamgar Union, Bombay, (21st December 1934).	59	68	...	127	...	127	...
46	The Bombay Hawkers' Union, Bombay, (30th April 1935).	500	...	...	425	75	500	...
47	The Phurat Licensed Plumbers' Union, Bombay, (3rd May 1935).	...*	22	10	12	...	12	...

* The Union was formed during the year.

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
2,58,210 3 2	27,147 0 0	1,89,722 9 3	95,634 9 11	...	...	...	...
1,007 15 9	8,613 0 0	1,766 12 6	7,854 3 3	...	...	...	...
2,59,218 2 11	35,760 0 0	1,91,489 5 9	1,03,488 13 2	...	...	...	...
10 4 0	40 8 0	40 5 0	10 7 0	...	...	...	...
10 4 0	40 8 0	40 5 0	10 7 0	...	...	...	...
2,59,228 6 11	35,800 8 0	1,91,529 10 9	1,03,499 4 2	...	...	...	...
18,452 0 0	3,227 1 0	2,346 10 0	19,332 7 0	...	...	...	...
7,709 14 7	1,749 12 0	1,834 5 6	7,625 5 1	...	...	...	...
33 3 3	1,486 14 6	1,497 9 9	22 8 0	...	...	...	...
1,390 4 3	877 8 0	1,965 15 0	301 13 3	...	...	...	...
.....	1,443 15 0	152 6 0	1,291 9 0	...	...	...	...
27,585 6 1	8,785 2 6	7,796 14 3	28,573 10 4	...	...	...	...
915 9 6	3,310 15 0	2,608 1 3	1,618 7 3	...	..	.	...
—41 7 6†	800 0 0	991 11 3	—233 2 9‡	...	...	...	...
383 11 6	229 6 0	46 5 6	566 12 0	...	...	...	...
1,257 18 6	4,340 5 0	3,646 2 0	1,952 0 6	...	...	...	...
28,843 3 7	13,125 7 6	11,443 0 3	30,525 10 10	...	...	...	...
623 0 6	173 2 0	149 10 0	646 8 6	...	...	...	...
10 4 0	125 12 0	55 10 0	80 0	...	...	...	...
.....	916 0 0	327 14 6	587 1 6	...	...	...	...
.....	243 9 0	246 0 0	—3 7 0‡	...	...	...	...

† Debit balance.

‡ Excess of expenditure over income.

FORM

Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year. Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Number of members. At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year. Males.	Females.	Total.	Subscribing to political fund.
	Miscellaneous—contd.							
48	The Match Factory Workers' Union, Ambernath, (4th July 1935).	350	132	70	324	88	412	...
49	The Eyre Company's Employees' Union, Bombay, (27th July 1935).						Registration	
50	The Bombay Presidency Electric Workmen's Union, Bombay, (9th September 1935).	...*	128	...	128	...	128	...
	Bombay Total ...	962	365	99	1,065	163	1,228	...
51	The Telegraph Messengers and Lower Grade Staff Union, Karachi, (29th January 1934).	143	...	...	143	...	143	...
52	The Hyderabad Secondary Teachers' Union, Hyderabad, Sind, (15th February 1934).	105	15	...	93	27	120	...
53	The Karachi Factories Workers' Union, Karachi, (4th August 1934).	184	83	...	222	45	267	...
54	The Sind and Baluchistan Circle Postmen and Lower Grade Staff Union, Karachi, (9th January 1936).	560	...	181	379	...	379	...
	Sind Total ...	992	98	181	837	72	909	...
	Presidency Total ...	1,954	463	280	1,902	235	2,137	...
	Employers' Associations,							
55	The Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association, Ahmedabad, (21st January 1935).	79	...	2	76	1	77	...
	Total ...	79	...	2	76	1	77	...
	Bombay Grand Total ...	53,170	13,508	19,708	46,335	635	46,970	...
	Sind Grand Total ...	4,510	1,425	1,023	4,413	499	4,912	...
	Presidency Grand Total...	57,680	14,933	20,731	50,748	1,134	51,882	...

* The Union was formed during the year.

A—*concld.*

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
.....	1,745 8 0	1,188 6 3	557 1 9	...	..	...	...
cancelled.							
.....	204 8 0	64 1 6	140 6 6	...	...	...	...
633 4 6	3,406 7 0	2,031 10 3	2,008 1 3	...	...	...	
340.10 0	320 4 4	184 4 0	476 10 4	...	...	...	...
140 3 3	31 15 0	21 6 3	150 12 0	...	...	...	...
31 2 6	410 14 0	310 10 0	131 6 6	...	...	...	...
357 2 6	324 1 6	243 3 6	433 0 6	...	...	...	...
869 2 3	1,087 2 10	764 7 9	1,191 13 4	...	...	...	...
1,502 6 9	4,493 9 10	2,796 2 0	3,199 14 7	...	...	...	...
1,339 2 7	3,989 0 0	3,410 1 3	1,918 1 4	...	...	...	...
1,339 2 7	3,989 0 0	3,410 1 3	1,918 1 4	...	...	...	...
3,91,589 9 7	1,62,793 6 3	2,90,673 2 3	2,63,709 13 7	790 5 0	...	753 3 0	37 2 0
7,641 5 10	13,152 12 5	11,077 5 3	9,716 13 0	...	...	...	...
3,99,230 15 5	1,75,946 2 8	3,01,750 7 6	2,73,426 10 7	790 5 0	...	753 3 0	37 2 0

FORM

Return of Federation registered at close of year.	Number of Unions.			
Name of Federation (and date of Registration).	At begining of year.	Affiliated.	Disaffiliated.	At end of year.
The Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad, (23rd October 1935).	6	.....	.....	6
Total ...	6	.....	.....	6

B.

General Fund.								Political Fund.							
Opening balance.			Income			Expenditure.		Closing balance.			Opening balance.			Income.			Expenditure.			Closing balance.		
Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
1,51,303	5	3	1,63,706	2	10	1,78,107	8	4	1,36,901	15	9	21,714	0	0	...			...			21,714	0	0
1,51,303	5	3	1,63,706	2	10	1,78,107	8	4	1,36,901	15	9	21,714	0	0	...			...			21,714	0	0

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS, BOMBAY PRESIDENCY, SECRETARIAT, BOMBAY.

The 27th December 1937.

From

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Registrar of Trade Unions, Bombay Presidency,
Secretariat, Bombay;

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF BOMBAY,
Political and Reforms Department, Bombay.

Subject.—Annual Report on the Working of the Indian Trade Unions Act (No. XVI of 1926) for the year 1936-37.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the working of the Indian Trade Unions Act in the Bombay Presidency for the year ending 31st March 1937.

2. As usual, the unions were addressed early in April inviting their attention to the requirements of section 28 of the Act and asking them to submit their annual returns by the prescribed date. The unions were also supplied with copies of detailed memoranda of instructions regarding the proper filling in of the returns. One of the usual excuses given for not submitting the return by the prescribed date during the previous year was that the auditors were too busy to prepare the return in time. As this difficulty could easily be obviated by employing auditors who could guarantee to do the work within the prescribed period, the unions were informed that this excuse would not be accepted and that action under section 10(*b*) of the Act would be taken if the returns were not received by the 31st July 1937, the prescribed date. With a view to saving time and labour all the unions generally and particularly those with their head offices in Bombay were advised to bring up their duly completed returns to this office for an informal examination and clarification of any doubts that they might have prior to submitting them officially. Another step taken to ensure prompt submission of returns was the issue of reminders in the second week of July to such unions as had not sent in their returns drawing their attention to the necessity of submitting the same before the prescribed date. These measures had the desired effect, thirty-one out of 40 returns being received by the prescribed date and the majority of the rest within the next few days. The last return was received in the third week of August 1937.

3. There was a general improvement in the quality of the returns, but several of them were not in order for one reason or another and had to be sent back for rectification, sometimes more than once, before they could finally be accepted. With a view to avoiding lengthy correspondence and delay, the officials of many of the Bombay unions were called for interview in order to explain to them the defects in their returns. It was, however, not always possible to get into touch with the union officials without reminding them several times in the matter. Even after explaining the defects in their returns and showing the correct method of filling them, the union officials were not prompt in resubmitting the duly rectified returns and it took several days before they were forthcoming. In the case of unions outside Bombay the difficulty in getting the returns was much greater and several reminders and in two cases telegraphic reminders had to be issued before the returns could be obtained, and it was only in the second week of November that the last return could be accepted for tabulation.

4. Six new unions were registered during the year under report bringing the total number of registrations up to 31st March 1937 to 112. Of these the registrations of 50 unions had been cancelled before 1st April 1936. As pointed out in paragraph 5 of the Report for 1935-36, the names of the 12 unions in Sind were transferred to the register of the Registrar of Trade Unions of that province on 1st April 1936 and the registrations of the following seven unions were cancelled during the year under report :—

(1) The Girni Kamgar Mahamandal, Bombay;

(2) The Bombay Hack Victoriamen's Union, Bombay;

(3) The Ahmedabad Motor Drivers' Association, Ahmedabad;

(4) The Eyre Company's Employees' Union, Bombay;

(5) The New Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay;

(6) The G. I. P. Railway Administrative and Executive Offices Staff Union, Bombay; and

(7) The Bombay Docks and Harbour Stevedores' Labour Union, Bombay.

The first four unions had failed to submit their annual returns, the fifth had ceased to exist and the sixth had applied for cancellation of its certificate of registration, while the officials of the seventh union sent in a notice of dissolution in Form "H" prescribed under regulation 15 of the Bombay Trade Unions Regulations, 1927. The net number of unions on the register on 31st March 1937 was thus 43.

5. Of these 43 unions, three unions, viz., (1) The Bombay Lorry Transport Workers' Union, (2) the Bombay Press Workers' Union, and (3) the Bombay Chhippa Union were served with notices under section 10(*b*) of the Act after the close of the year on the ground that they had ceased to function. The Dockyard Labour Union, Bombay, was also served with a similar notice for failure to submit the annual return. The registrations of the first three unions were cancelled while the notice against the fourth was

rescinded as the union submitted its return before the expiry of the notice period. There were thus 40 unions, including one federation, whose annual returns have been incorporated in the report.

6. As has been stated above most of the returns received were defective in some respect or other. Although a detailed memorandum of instructions is sent to all the unions with the annual return form every year the trade union officials still do not appear to follow the instructions given with the result that defects which could have been easily avoided were noticeable. For instance, in certain returns the entry made against the head "contributions" on the income side of the General Fund Account was not correctly shown. In others the list of officers enclosed with the return was incomplete. In a few cases the opening figure of the General Fund Account as well as that of membership were not correctly shown.

7. Only nine unions had a membership of over 2,000 during the year. Although the Act required only these unions to have their annual accounts audited by auditors qualified to audit company accounts, the number of unions which actually engaged such auditors was 18. Of the remaining 22 unions, 17 had their accounts audited by two ordinary members, four by persons holding offices as members of legislature or municipality and one by the holder of a Government Diploma in Accountancy. The value to be attached to the audit by members of a union is, however, doubtful as in one case the certificate was authenticated by the thumb impression of the person responsible for the audit. The accounts of nine unions were signed by the auditors subject to certain remarks and in all these cases the audit had been carried out by auditors qualified to audit company accounts. Some of these pointed to serious irregularities in certain cases. For example, the auditors of the Bombay Mill Workers' Union and the National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, stated that they could not have access to all the books of accounts as some of them were reported to be in the possession of former officers of the union. The membership registers of the Seamen's Union, Bombay, and the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), Bombay, were not properly maintained, while some of the payments made by the Gokak Mills Employees' Union were not supported by receipts.

8. Full information regarding the membership, income and expenditure and opening and closing balances in respect of the 39 individual unions which submitted returns is given in the statement in Form "A" appended to the report. Table "B" gives similar information with regard to the Federation—The Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad. The total membership of the reporting unions increased from 46,970 to 52,852 or by 12·5 per cent. It is interesting to note that all the groups contributed to this rise, the more important among them being "Textile"—29·07 per cent., "Municipal"—52·44 per cent. and "Miscellaneous"—109·47 per cent. The position as regards female membership showed greater improvement during the year. In 1935-36, there were 12 unions with 635 female members on their rolls. During the year

under report, however, the figures increased to 14 and 1,945 respectively. The unions which mainly contributed to this increase were the Bombay Mill Workers' Union, the Gokak Mills Employees' Union, the Bombay Dhobies' Union, and the Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay. Of these the Gokak Mills Employees' Union, which was registered during the year, alone had 1,194 female members on its rolls. The actual and percentage variations in the membership of each group were as shown below:—

Group.	Membership at		Total increase or decrease.	Percentage increase or decrease.
	beginning of year.	end of year.		
Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than tramways ...	19,051	19,587	+536	+2·81
Tramways ...	191	192	+1	+0·52
Textiles ...	10,561	13,631	+3,070	+29·07
Printing Presses ...	802	1,072	+270	+33·67
Municipal ...	328	500	+172	+52·44
Seamen ...	11,342	12,188	+846	+7·46
Docks and Port Trusts ...	2 598	2,588	—10	—0·38
Miscellaneous ...	1,436	3,008	+1,572	+109·47
Employers' associations ...	77	86	+9	+11·69

9. As regards funds, the B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad, and the Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union continued to show debit balances in their General Fund Accounts and in both the cases the deficits showed an increase as compared with the beginning of the year. The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, and the Phurat Licensed Plumbers' Union, Bombay, also opened the year with debit balances, but as a result of the year's working they were able to close their books with credit balances. Four unions had no opening balances of the General Fund to report. The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, which was maintaining a Political Fund, was reported to have closed it down after expending the small balance which it had at the beginning of the year. The Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay, though not having a regular Political Fund had collected and spent a small amount of Rs. 6-7-6 during the year for political purposes. The following table gives details of the assets of the unions under the heads (1) cash (either in hand or in bank or banks or deposits with individuals), (2) Securities, (3) unpaid subscriptions due and miscellaneous:—

Statement showing the details of the Assets of the Trade Unions Registered at the close of the year ended the 31st March 1937.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad, (27th October 1927).	10 0 9	.....	.....	5,070 10 9*
2	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay, (31st October 1927).	4,504 15 3	4,650 0 0	568 11 0	3,547 15 2
3	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, (22nd August 1928).	24,081 10 7	58,179 3 0	3,493 10 11	4,344 9 0
4	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay, (12th September 1928).	993 13 4	1,110 0 0	2,743 0 0	119 8 0
5	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, (10th October 1928).	3,485 8 10	.....	47 5 0	133 0 0
6	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay, (20th February 1930).	1,412 5 3	909 6 0	145 4 0	110 8 0
7	The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, (18th January 1932).	1,371 4 11	.....	.....	3,954 6 9
8	The Bombay Lorry Transport Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th October 1932).		Registration	cancelled.	
9	The New G. I. P. Railway Staff Union, Bombay, (7th February 1935).	1,446 9 0	.....	1,897 10 0	222 9 9
10	The G. I. P. Railway Contractors' and Licensed Coolies' Union, Bhusával, (11th April 1935).	6 7 9	.....	93 14 0	.....
11	The Bombay Suburban Taxi Drivers' Association, Bombay, (29th November 1935).	362 3 6	.....	580 0 0	.....
	Total ...	37,673 15 2	64,848 9 0	9,569 6 11	18,003 3 5
	Tramways.				
12	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay, (24th May 1928).	254 13 9	.....	576 8 0	141 13 0
	Total ...	254 13 9	.....	576 8 0	141 13 0
	Textiles.				
13	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1927).	69 4 3	.....	43 10 0	512 5 0
14	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay, (1st June 1928).	8 4 3	.....	5,413 7 0	11 4 0

*Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Textiles—contd.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
15	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay, (11th September 1930).	3,128 14 1	7,775 0 0	241 4 0	1,014 9 0
16	The Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union, Dhulia, (8th April 1933).	0 10 0	.....	.....	214 10 0*
17	The Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, (26th March 1935).	.....	.....	179 4 0	.....
18	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, (Red Flag) Bombay, (22nd October 1935).	.....	.....	12,013 2 0	40 12 0
19	The Lal Bawta Girni Kamgar Union, Sholapur, (13th December 1935).	7 12 0	.....	160 8 0	.....
20	The Gokak Mills Employees' Union, Gokak Falls, (14th October 1936).	5 9 0	.....	308 12 0	139 14 0
	Total ...	3,220 5 7	7,775 0 0	18,359 15 0	1,933 6 0
	Printing Presses.				
21	The Government Central Press Industrial Employees' Union, Bombay, (28th April 1932).	257 14 4	.....	454 7 9	21 0 0
22	The Bombay Press Workers' Union, Bombay, (20th January 1933).		Registration cancelled.		
23	The Lal Bavta Press Kamgar Union, Bombay, (18th September 1934).	1 15 6	.....	.....	6 10 9
	Total ...	259 13 10	.....	454 7 9	27 10 9
	Municipal.				
24	The Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay, (29th March 1935).	60 2 0	.....	395 4 0	222 12 6
	Total ...	60 2 0	.....	395 4 0	222 12 6
	Seamen.				
25	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, (30th March 1932).	567 9 4	.....	1,29,662 0 0	1,803 5 1
26	The Seamen's Union, Bombay, (6th April 1935).	95 9 9	.....	14,658 0 0	22 0 0
	Total ...	663 3 1	.....	1,44,320 0 0	1,825 5 1
	Docks and Port Trusts.				
27	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay, (4th January 1929).	1,634 13 3	902 8 0	876 14 0	15,377 13 3
28	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay, (12th September 1929).	7,246 4 3	.....	144 10 0	275 5 1
29	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th February 1932).	4 4 0	.....	1,197 8 0	22 8 0
30	The Dockyard Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1935).	756 6 6	.....	1,882 0 0	.....
	Total ...	9,641 12 0	902 8 0	4,101 0 0	15,675 10 4

* Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	Miscellaneous.				
31	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay, (31st August 1929)	455 13 6	.....	76 8 0	49 6 0
32	The Painting Kamgar Union, Bombay, (21st December 1934).	7 14 6	.....	132 14 0	.....
33	The Bombay Hawkers' Union, Bombay, (30th April 1935).	.....	.....	824 8 0	.....
34	The Phurat Licensed Plumbers' Union, Bombay, (3rd May 1935).	11 9 0	.....	189 0 0	.....
35	The Match Factory Workers' Union, Ambernath, (4th July 1935).	233 8 2	.....	423 12 0	.....
36	The Bombay Presidency Electric Workmen's Union, Bombay, (9th September 1935).	22 1 6	.....	347 14 0	.....
37	The Bombay Dhobies' Union, Bombay, (9th July 1936).	175 1 6	.....	459 4 0	.....
38	The Hotel Workers' Union, Poona, (21st July 1936).	8 5 0	.....	19 12 0	.....
39	The Thana District Salt-Pan Workers' Union, Juchendra, District Thana, (31st July 1936).	201 9 0	.....	.....	.....
40	The Bombay Chhippa Union, Bombay, (28th October 1936).		Registration cancelled.		
41	The Gold and Silver Workers' Union, Bombay, (30th October 1936).	52 4 3	.....	328 0 0	.....
	Total ...	1,168 2 5	.....	2,801 8 0	49 6 0
	Employers' Associations.				
42	The Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association, Ahmedabad, (21st January 1935).	182 5 4	.....	2,812 0 0	69 8 0
	Total ...	182 5 4	.....	2,812 0 0	69 8 0
	Grand Total ...	53,124 9 2	73,526 1 0	1,83,390 1 8	37,948 11 1

10. The principal liability of the majority of the unions was the general fund. It formed the only liability of sixteen unions and a minor liability of two unions, while two other unions had liabilities other than the general fund. The total amount at the credit of the general fund account of all the unions was Rs. 3,21,754-12-3 and other liabilities amounted to Rs. 26,234-10-8 as against total assets amounting to Rs. 3,47,989-6-11. The figure for total assets includes an amount of Rs. 1,83,390-1-8 for unpaid subscriptions the real value of which is very doubtful. The amount of cash assets was as usual the largest in the case of the Railway group and amounted to Rs. 37,673-15-2. To this amount the National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, alone contributed cash assets amounting to Rs. 24,081-10-7. Securities amounting to Rs. 73,526-1-0 were held by six unions of which the National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, again alone held securities worth over Rs. 58,000.

11. As pointed out in the previous paragraph, of the total assets of Rs. 3,47,989-6-11 as much as Rs. 1,83,390-1-8 or 53 per cent. represent the amount of unpaid subscriptions due. All the 39 reporting individual unions, except five, had some of their subscriptions outstanding. The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, and the Seamen's Union, Bombay, alone were responsible for Rs. 1,44,320 the share of the former being Rs. 1,29,662. Of the rest of the unions, the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), and the Bombay Mill Workers' Union, had over Rs. 12,000 and Rs. 5,000 respectively as outstandings, while three other unions reported outstandings of about Rs. 3,000 each and two others of Rs. 2,000 each. Although various reasons are advanced by the unions concerned for this state of affairs, it is clear that it is largely due to the laxity of the union's executives in observing the rules of the union. The utter unreality of accounts kept in this way is strikingly illustrated in the case of the National Seamen's Union of India, which solemnly shows an "opening balance" of Rs. 95,634, "income" Rs. 27,202 and "expenditure" Rs. 1,197, both the opening balance and 95 per cent. of the income existing only on paper, "cash" amounting to Rs. 568. Yet this union claims that 596 new members joined but that none left during the year. A tendency was also noticed on the part of some unions to write off large amounts of outstanding subscriptions but to continue the defaulting members on their rolls in contravention of the provisions contained in this respect in their constitutions. This was brought to the notice of the unions concerned and they were warned to be careful in this respect in future.

12. The assets of the Federation—the Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad,—were made up of cash amounting to Rs. 1,638-3-7, securities worth Rs. 46,610 and "miscellaneous" assets amounting to Rs. 1,36,705-15-0. The liabilities of the Federation were composed of the General Fund amounting to Rs. 88,656-9-3 and other liabilities to Rs. 96,297-9-4. The Federation also maintained a political fund which had a balance of Rs. 17,513-2-9 at the end of the year. It is interesting to note that the Association spent about Rs. 27,200 in conducting trade disputes and paid Rs. 24,446 as compensation to members for loss arising out of them.

13. The alterations in their registered constitutions notified by two unions in accordance with the provisions of section 28 (3) of the Act, were registered.

14. No appeal was preferred under section 11 of the Act during the year under report.

15. According to the quarterly reviews published in the *Labour Gazette* at the beginning of the year the number of trade unions—registered as well as unregistered—in the Bombay Presidency was 111 with a membership of 108,227. Forty-four of the unions were registered under the Act. Of the remaining unions, 32 were associations of the Postal and Telegraph Department consisting mainly of clerical workers.

16. An event of considerable importance during the year under report was the holding of the first elections under the Government of India Act, 1935, for the purpose of filling the six seats allotted to trade unions in the Bombay Legislative Assembly. The Registrar of Trade Unions was the Returning Officer for the four Trade Union Constituencies the names of which together with the number of seats alloted to each are shown below :—

	Name of constituency.	No. of seats.
1.	Bombay City and Suburban Textile Unions ...	1
2.	Ahmedabad Textile Unions	2
3.	Railway Unions	2
4.	Trade Unions of Seamen and Dock Workers ...	1

17. According to paragraph 18 of the Government of India (Provincial Legislative Assemblies Order), 1936, a registered trade union is to be deemed a constituent trade union only if it is a recognised trade union and is certified by the Governor to be such a trade union in relation to the particular constituency. The conditions which a trade union must satisfy before it can be deemed to be a recognised trade union are :—

(1) it must be a *bona fide* union existing wholly or mainly for industrial or provident purposes ;

(2) it must have been in existence for at least two years and have been registered as a trade union for at least one year ;

(3) it must have had throughout the financial year preceding that in which the certificate is given at least two hundred and fifty ordinary members who have paid subscriptions for the whole of that year ; and

(4) it must have complied with any requirements imposed by or under the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926, with respect to the inspection of its books by the Registrar of Trade Unions and with respect to the audit of its accounts.

18. All the registered trade unions concerned were therefore addressed in May 1936 and they were asked to submit their applications for certificate of recognition from His Excellency the Governor. The applications received from the trade unions were examined in light of the above conditions and His Excellency the Governor was pleased to grant certificates of recognition to the following unions :—

(1) The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay ;

(2) The Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad ;

(3) The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay ;

(4) The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay ;

(5) The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay ;

(6) The M. & S. M. Railway Employees' Union, Hubli Branch, Hubli;

(7) The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay;

(8) The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay; and

(9) The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay.

19. The above unions except the last one submitted their lists of qualified members and after they had been scrutinised the electoral rolls for different constituencies were issued. In the case of the Railway Union's constituency and the Seamen's and Dock Workers' Constituency there were primary elections for the purpose of electing delegates to form electoral colleges. The following table gives the number of electors, the percentage of those who went to polls and the names of members who were duly elected in the final elections :—

Name of constituency.	Total No. of electors.	Percentage of those who went to polls to total number.	Names of candidates duly elected.
1. The Bombay City and Suburban Textile Unions Constituency.	333	70%	Mr. D. K. Jagtap.
2. The Railway Unions Constituency.	10*	(a)	(1) Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta, (2) Mr. S. H. Jhabvala.
3. The Trade Unions of Seamen's and Dock-workers' Constituency.	9†	100%	Mr. Akhtar Hasan Mirza.
4. The Ahmedabad Textile Unions Constituency.	18,809	(a)	(1) Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, (2) Mr. K. K. Desai.

* This figure represents the number of delegates elected at the primary elections, the total number of electors for which was 2,219.

(a) The seats in this Constituency were not contested.

† This figure represents the number of delegates elected at the primary elections, the total number of electors for which was 1,925.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

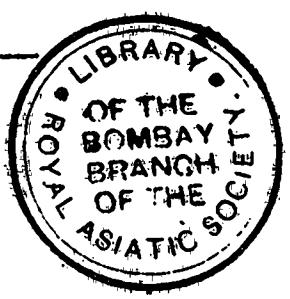
Your most obedient servant,

J. F. GENNINGS,

Registrar of Trade Unions,

Bombay Presidency.

FORM A.



FORM

Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year. Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Number of members. At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year. Males.	Females.	Total.	Subscribing to political fund.
	Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways.							
1	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad, (27th October 1927).	732	31	702	61	...	61	...
2	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay (31st October 1927).	2,870	14	18	2,865	1	2,866	...
3	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, (22nd August 1928).	2,628	719	994	2,331	32	2,363	...
4	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay, (12th September 1928).	904	126	...	1,030	...	1,030	...
5	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, (10th October 1928).	261	45	27	279	...	279	...
6	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay, (20th February 1930).	284	11	4	291	...	291	...
7	The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, (18th January 1932).	8,675	150	624	8,194	7	8,201	...
8	The Bombay Lorry Transport Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th October 1932).						Registration	
9	The New G. I. P. Railway Staff Union, Bombay, (7th February 1935).	2,536	2,507	712	4,331	...	4,331	...
10	The G. I. P. Railway Contractors' and Licensed Coolies' Union, Bhusaval. (11th April 1935).	105	...	...	104	1	105	...
11	The Bombay Suburban Taxi Drivers' Association, Bombay, (29th November 1935).	56	15	1	70	...	70	...
	Total ...	19,051	3,618	3,083	19,546	41	19,587	...
	Tramways.							
12	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay, (24th May 1928).	191	2	1	192	...	192	...
	Total ...	191	2	1	192	...	192	...
	Textiles.							
13	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1927).	57	...	35	22	...	22	...
14	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay, (1st June 1928).	2,692	1,533	149	4,002	74	4,076	...

* Debit balance.

† Includes Rs. 1,443 written off as subscriptions irrecoverable.

A.

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
—2,807 7 0*	104 14 0	2,172 5 3†	—4,874 14 3†	...	...	...	...
10,826 1 9	4,018 9 8	3,400 8 6	11,474 2 11	...	...	...	...
83,355 13 6	55,404 3 6	50,489 11 11	88,270 5 1	37 2 0	...	37 2 0	...
2,792 15 4	4,444 1 0	2,671 3 0	4,565 13 4	...	...	...	...
1,403 5 10	900 10 0	742 9 0	1,561 6 10	...	...	...	...
2,272 15 2	918 9 7	614 1 6	2,577 7 3	...	...	...	...
—924 12 0* cancelled.	17,000 14 11	11,512 8 0	4,563 10 11	...	...	...	...
346 0 3	7,494 0 0	6,100 3 6	1,739 13 9	...	...	...	...
30 3 9	78 12 0	8 10 0	100 5 9	...	...	...	...
365 1 6	832 0 0	254 14 0	942 3 6	...	...	...	...
97,660 6 1	91,226 10 8	77,966 10 8	1,10,920 6 1	37 2 0	...	37 2 0	...
354 6 3	749 5 0	146 8 6	957 2 9	...	...	...	...
354 6 3	749 5 0	146 8 6	957 2 9	...	...	...	...
587 11 3	171 0 0	133 8 0†	625 8 3	...	...	...	...
2,046 8 3	5,382 13 0	2,073 9 0	5,355 12 3	...	...	...	...

† Excess of expenditure over income.

FORM

Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year. Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Number of members. At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year. Males.	Females.	Total.	Subscribing to political fund.
	Textiles—contd.							
15	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay, (11th September 1930).	252	40	40	252	...	252	...
16	The Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union, Dhulia, (8th April 1933).	50	50	80	18	2	20	...
17	The Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, (26th March 1935).	410	250	183	462	15	477	...
18	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, (Red Flag), Bombay, (22nd October 1935).	6,700	...	1,200	5,152	348	5,500	...
19	The Lal Bavta Girni Kamgar Union, Sholapur, (13th December 1935).	400	142	142	400	...*	400	...
20	The Gokak Mills Employees' Union, Gokak Falls, (14th October 1936).	...*	2,884	...	1,690	1,194	2,884	...
	Total ...	10,561	4,899	1,829	11,998	1,633	13,631	...
	Printing Presses.							
21	The Government Central Press Industrial Employees' Union, Bombay, (28th April 1932).	344	55	6	393	...	393	...
22	The Bombay Press Workers' Union, Bombay, (20th January 1933)						Registration	
23	The Lal Bavta Press Kamgar Union, Bombay, (18th September 1934).	458	230	9	679	...	679	...
	Total ..	802	285	15	1,072	...	1,072	...
	Municipal.							
24	The Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay, (29th March 1935).	328	172	...	375	125	500	....
	Total ...	328	172	...	375	125	500	...
	Seamen.							
25	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, (30th March 1932).	8,670	596	...	9,266	...	9,266	...
26	The Seamen's Union, Bombay, (6th April 1935).	2,672	250	...	2,922	...	2,922	...
	Total ...	11,342	846	...	12,188	...	12,188	...
	Docks and Port Trusts.							
27	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay, (4th January 1929).	743	27	55	715	...	715	...
28	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay, (12th September 1929).	776	59	11	824	...	824	...

* The Union formed during the year.

A—*contd.*

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
11,855 7 1	2,053 11 0	1,814 7 0	12,094 11 1	...	...	...	...
—182 6 0†	22 8 0	52 8 0	—212 6 0†	...	...	...	...
204 4 6	860 4 0	972 13 6	91 11 0	...	...	...	...
12,390 5 0	12,586 5 0	13,209 2 9	11,767 7 3	...	...	...	...
45 14 0	477 14 0	355 8 0	168 4 0	...	...	...	...
.....	2,532 14 0	2,153 11 0	429 3 0	...	...	...	...
26,947 12 1	24,137 5 0	20,765 3 3	30,319 13 10	...	...	...	...
626 1 7	467 1 0	362 12 6	729 5 1	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
81 12 3	536 8 0	615 10 0	2 10 3	...	...	...	...
706 13 10	1,003 9 0	978 6 6	732 0 4	...	...	...	...
277 6 3	1,037 8 0	636 11 9	678 2 6	...	6 7 6	6 7 6	...
277 6 3	1,037 8 0	636 11 9	678 2 6	...	6 7 6	6 7 6	...
95,634 9 11	27,302 0 0	1,197 14 0	1,21,638 11 11	...	...	...	...
7,854 3 3	9,016 0 0	2,134 9 6	14,735 9 9	...	...	...	...
1,03,488 13 2	36,218 0 0	3,332 7 6	1,36,374 5 8	...	...	...	...
19,332 7 0	3,466 9 0	4,006 15 6	18,792 0 6	...	...	...	...
7,625 5 1	1,719 0 0	1,903 9 9	7,440 11 4	...	...	...	...

† Debit balance.

‡ Excess of expenditure over income.

FORM

Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year. Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Number of members. At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year. Males.	Females.	Total.	Subscribing to political fund.
	Docks and Port Trusts —contd.							
29	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th February 1932).	491	...	...	491	...	491	...
30	The Dockyard Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1935).	558	13	43	558	...	558	...
	Total ...	2,598	99	109	2,588	...	2,588	...
	Miscellaneous.							
31	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay, (31st August 1929).	49	10	21	38	...	38	...
32	The Painting Kamgar Union, Bombay, (21st December 1934).	127	24	...	151	...	151	...
33	The Bombay Hawkers' Union, Bombay, (30th April 1935).	500	...	...	425	75	500	...
34	The Phurat Licensed Plumbers' Union, Bombay, (3rd May 1935).	12	7	...	19	...	19	...
35	The Match Factory Workers' Union, Ambernath, (4th July 1935).	412	...	207	173	32	205	...
36	The Bombay Presidency Electric Workmen's Union, Bombay, (9th September 1935).	128	77	...	205	...	205	...
37	The Bombay Dhobies' Union, Bombay, (9th July 1936).	...†	250	6	206	38	244	...
38	The Hotel Workers' Union, Poona, (21st July 1936).	79	60	...	139	...	139	...
39	The Thana District Salt-Pan Workers' Union, Juchendra, district Thana, (31st July 1936).	21	1,180	...	1,201	...	1,201	...
40	The Bombay Chhippa Union, Bombay, (28th October 1936).						Registration	
41	The Gold and Silver Workers' Union, Bombay, (30th October 1936).	108	198	...	306	...	306	...
	Total ...	1,436	1,806	* 234	2,863	145	3,008	...
	Employers' Associations.							
42	The Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association, Ahmedabad, (21st January 1935).	77	9	...	85	1	86	...
	Total ...	77	9	...	85	1	86	...
	Grand Total ...	46,386	11,736	5,270	50,907	1,945	52,852	...

* Debit balance.

A—*concld.*

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
22 8 0	1,473 0 0	271 4 0	1,224 4 0	...	...	...	...
1,291 9 0	1,630 1 0	283 3 6	2,638 6 6	...	...	...	...
28,271 13 1	8,288 10 0	6,465 0 9	30,095 6 4	...	...	...	...
646 8 6	182 7 0	247 4 0	581 11 6	...	...	...	...
80 6 0	203 2 0	142 11 6	140 12 6	...	...	...	...
587 1 6	900 0 0	680 10 9	806 6 9	...	...	...	...
−3 7 0*	172 0 0	0 14 0	167 11 0	...	...	...	...
557 1 9	2,967 9 5	2,367 7 0	657 4 2	...	...	...	...
140 6 6	569 6 0	339 13 0	369 15 6	...	...	...	...
.....	805 11 6	171 6 0	634 5 6	...	...	...	...
.....	34 12 0	26 7 0	8 5 0	...	...	...	...
.....	1,201 0 0	999 7 0	201 9 0	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
10 2 0	769 11 9	399 9 6	380 4 3	...	...	...	...
2,018 3 3	7,805 11 8	5,875 9 9	3,948 5 2	...	...		...
1,918* 1 4	2,964 0 0	2,040 4 0	2,841 13 4	...	...	...	...
1,918 1 4	2,964 0 0	2,040 4 0	2,841 13 4	...	...	...	...
2,61,643 11 4	1,73,430 11 4	1,18,205 14 8	3,16,867 8 0	37 2 0	6 7 6	43 9 6	...

† The Union formed during the year.

FORM

Return of Federation registered at close of year.	Number of Unions.			
Name of Federation (and date of Registration).	At beginning of year.	Affiliated.	Disaffiliated.	At end of year.
The Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad. (23rd October 1935).	6	.....	.....	6
Total ...	6	.....	.....	6

B.

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1,36,901 15 9	1,37,750 0 6	1,84,715 7 0	89,936 9 3	21,714 0 0	...	4,200 13 3	17,513 2 9
1,36,901 15 9	1,37,750 0 6	1,84,715 7 0	89,936 9 3	21,714 0 0	...	4,200 13 3	17,513 2 9

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS
FOR THE PROVINCE OF BOMBAY,
SECRETARIAT, BOMBAY.
The 12th January 1939.

From

J. F. GENNINGS, ESQUIRE, C.I.E., C.B.E., Bar.-at-Law,
Registrar of Trade Unions for the Province of Bombay,
Secretariat, Bombay;

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF BOMBAY,
Political and Services Department, Bombay.

Subject.—Annual Report on the Working of the Indian Trade Unions Act (No. XVI of 1926) for the year 1937-38.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the working of the Indian Trade Unions Act in the Province of Bombay for the year ending 31st March 1938.

2. As usual, the unions were addressed early in April inviting their attention to the requirements of section 28 of the Act and asking them to submit their returns by the prescribed date. The unions were also supplied with copies of detailed memoranda of instructions regarding the proper filling in of the returns. With a view to saving time and labour the unions, particularly those with their head offices in Bombay, were advised to bring up their duly completed returns to this office for an informal examination and clarification of any doubts that they might have prior to submitting them officially. A reminder was also issued in the first week of July to such of the unions as had not sent in their returns drawing their attention to the necessity of submitting them before the 31st July 1938. Despite all this, however, only 23 returns were received by the prescribed date. Twenty-three others were received in August. Extension of time had to be granted once to four unions and twice to one union and it was in the last week of September that the last return was received.

3. Although there was a general improvement in the quality of the returns many of them were not in order in one respect or the other and they had to be sent back to the unions concerned for

rectification and resubmission. As in the previous years the officials of unions with their head offices in Bombay were called for interview and the defects in the returns explained to them. It was thus possible to minimise to some extent, in the case of these unions, the delays usually attendant upon the resubmission of the returns. In the case of unions outside Bombay, however, the task was much more difficult and the unions concerned had to be expedited time and again before the duly rectified returns could be obtained. Even so it has not been possible to obtain rectified returns from two unions and they have had to be excluded.

4. As stated in paragraph 4 of the last year's report there were 43 unions, including one Federation, on the register on 1st April 1937. Of these, the registrations of the three unions mentioned in paragraph 5 of that report were cancelled, while the following eleven unions were registered during the year :—

(1) The Bombay Mutton Dealers' Union, Bombay ;

(2) The Bombay Postmen Union, Bombay ;

(3) The Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union, Bombay ;

(4) The B. B. & C. I. Railwaymen's Union, Bombay ;

(5) The Government Medical Store Employees' Union, Bombay ;

(6) The Mill Kamdar Union, Ahmedabad ;

(7) The Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh, Bombay ;

(8) The Bombay Leather Workers' Union, Bombay ;

(9) The Bombay Hair Cutting Saloon Workers' Union, Bombay ;

(10) The Bombay Hack Victoria Drivers' Union, Bombay ; and

(11) The Dhulia-Nardhana Motor Owners' Union, Dhulia.

Thus the number of unions from whom returns were due to be received was 51. Of these, four unions (1) The Seamen's Union, Bombay, (2) The Thana District Salt Pan Workers' Union, Juchendra, District Thana, (3) The Bombay Hack Victoria Drivers' Union, and (4) The Hotel Workers' Union, Poona, were served with notices under section 10(*b*) of the Act after the close of the year for failure to submit returns. The registrations of the first three unions were cancelled, while the notice against the fourth was rescinded as the union submitted its return before the expiry of the notice. Excluding the two unions, which as stated in paragraph 3 of the report have failed to resubmit their rectified returns, there are thus 46 unions, including one Federation, whose annual returns have been incorporated in the report.

5. As stated in paragraph 2 above most of the returns received were found to be defective in one respect or the other. Although a detailed memorandum of instructions is sent out to all the unions with the forms every year the union officials do not appear to study it before filling in the returns. Consequently, many defects which could easily have been avoided were again

noticeable as in the previous years. For instance, in some cases the return was not dated or the year to which it related was not shown. In a few cases the opening figure of the General Fund Account was not correctly carried forward while in some others the amount of contributions on the income side of the General Fund Account was not correctly calculated. In two cases the accounts were not audited as prescribed under the Bombay Trade Unions Regulations and the unions concerned had to be asked to get them re-audited by duly qualified auditors. The copies of rules sent with the returns were, in many cases, not only not up-to-date as required but full of typographical errors, thus making the work of examining them much more difficult. It is to be hoped that the unions will exercise greater care in this respect in future.

6. The annual accounts of 26 unions were audited by auditors qualified to audit company accounts, although only fourteen need have engaged such auditors according to Regulation 18 of the Bombay Trade Unions Regulations. Of the remaining unions 15 had their accounts audited by two of their ordinary members while in the remaining cases they were either audited by municipal councillors, members of the legislature or a B.Com. or a holder of the Government Diploma in Accountancy. The accounts of four unions were signed by the auditors subject to certain remarks. Some of these pointed to irregularities in certain cases. For example, the auditors of the Gokak Mills Employees' Union stated that in certain cases the receipts were credited in the cash book for greater amounts than those mentioned in the receipts. Stamped receipts were not being taken by the G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union for payments of Rs. 20 and over and in many cases details of travelling expenses were not given in the vouchers concerned. The auditors also stated that they could not verify subscription receipts with the membership register and pointed out that the subscription receipts for the Matunga and Parel Workshops were not passed or initialled by the Secretary or any other official of the union.

7. Table A appended to the report gives full information regarding the composition of the membership, income and expenditure and opening and closing balances in respect of 45 individual unions which submitted annual returns for the year. Table B gives similar information with regard to the Federation—the Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad. Owing to an all-round increase in the membership of all the different groups of unions the total membership of the reporting unions increased from 53,303 to 76,072, the important among the groups which contributed to this rise being Tramways—85·42 per cent., Textiles—55·16 per cent., Municipal—237·75 per cent., Seamen—71·91 per cent., and Docks and Port Trusts—52·43 per cent. The position as regards female membership also showed considerable improvement during the year. In 1936-37 there were 14 unions having 1,945 female members on their rolls but these numbers increased to 16 and 2,643 during the year under report. The rise was mainly due to the addition of the Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh—with 486 female

members—to the list of registered unions during the year. The actual and percentage variations in the membership of each group were as shown below :—

Group.	Membership at		Total increase or decrease.	Percentage increase or decrease.
	beginning of year.	end of year.		
Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways ...	22,197	26,684	+4,487	+20·21
Tramways ...	192	356	+164	+85·42
Textiles ...	13,911	21,585	+7,467	+55·16
Printing Presses ...	1,072	1,107	+35	+3·26
Municipal ...	800	2,702	+1,902	+237·75
Seamen ...	9,266	15,929	+6,663	+71·91
Docks and Port Trusts ...	2,588	3,945	+1,357	+52·43
Miscellaneous ...	2,817	3,268	+451	+16·01
Employers' associations ...	460	496	+36	+7·83

8. As regards funds, the B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad, continued to show debit balance in its General Fund Account and the deficit showed an increase as compared with the previous year. All other unions opened their books with credit balances in their General Fund Accounts but the Lal Bavta Press Kamgar Union, Bombay, the Phurat Licensed Plumbers' Union, Bombay, and the Bombay Mutton Dealers' Union were unable to maintain the position at the close of the year. With the closure by the National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, of its Political Fund last year none of the individual unions had a fund of the nature during the year under review. The following table gives details of the Assets of the Unions under the heads (1) cash (either in hand or in bank or banks or deposits with individuals), (2) securities, (3) unpaid subscriptions due and (4) miscellaneous :—

Statement showing the details of the Assets of the Trade Unions Registered at the close of the year ended the 31st March 1938.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad, (27th October 1927).	34 3 0	.....	.....	5,536 8 6*
2	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay, (31st October 1927).	4,630 8 2	4,875 0 0	571 3 0	2,725 6 6
3	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, (22nd August 1928).	35,384 2 1	48,561 3 0	3,453 15 4	4,020 3 0
4	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay, (12th September 1928).	1,317 15 4	1,110 0 0	1,359 0 0	90 0 0
5	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, (10th October 1928).	3,765 5 10	.....	26 12 0	126 0 0
6	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay, (20th February 1930).	1,593 0 7	946 14 0	82 4 0	93 8 0
7	The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay, (18th January 1932).	749 14 4	.....	.....	4,045 11 9
8	†The New G. I. P. Railway Staff Union, Bombay, (7th February 1935).	605 6 0	.....	5,100 8 0	331 1 9
9	The G. I. P. Railway Contractors' and Licensed Coolies' Union, Bhusával, (11th April 1935).	18 6 9	.....	.....	.....
10	The Bombay Suburban Taxi Drivers' Association, Bombay, (29th November 1935).	340 5 6	.....	378 0 0	.....
11	The Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union, Bombay, (30th June 1937).	2,589 13 0	.....	12,733 8 0	200 0 0
12	The B. B. & C. I. Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, (5th July 1937).	78 15 3	.....	307 9 0	.....
13	The Bombay Hack Victoria Drivers' Union, Bombay, (27th October 1937).		Registration cancelled.		
	Total ...	52,103 15 10	55,493 1 0	24,012 11 4	17,174 7 6
	Tramways.				
14	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay, (24th May 1928).	325 13 9	.....	456 2 0	133 8 0
	Total ...	325 13 9	.....	456 2 0	133 8 0

*Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

† The name was changed to "G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union" on 9th August 1938.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Textiles.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
15	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1927).	26 4 3	.....	19 0 0	512 5 0
16	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay, (1st June 1928).	10 8 0	.....	5,730 13 0	5 0 0
17	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay, (11th September 1930).	2,944 2 1	7,707 8 0	231 4 0	1,836 12 9
18	The Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union, Dhulia, (8th April 1933).		Information not available.		
19	The Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, (26th March 1935).	24 4 6	.....	2,042 12 0	.....
20	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), Bombay, (22nd October 1935).	.....	.....	383 8 0	40 12 0
21	The Lal Bawta Girni Kamgar Union, Sholapur, (13th December 1935).	24 10 0	.....	232 4 0	.....
22	The Gokak Mills Employees' Union, Gokak Falls, (14th October 1936).	738 7 0	.....	653 7 0	139 14 0
23	The Mill Kamdar Union, Ahmedabad, (4th August 1937).	23 13 0	.....	.....	7 6 9
	Total ...	3,792 0 10	* 7,707 8 0	9,283 0 0	2,542 1 9
	Printing Presses.				
24	The Government Central Press Industrial Employees' Union, Bombay, (28th April 1932).	322 9 4	.....	433 7 6	21 0 0
25	The Lal Bavta Press Kamgar Union, Bombay, (18th September 1934).	3 3 9	.....	.....	16 12 3*
	Total ...	325 13 1	.....	433 7 6	37 12 3
	Municipal.				
26	The Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay, (20th March 1935).	67 8 3	.....	761 2 0	200 8 1
27	The Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh, Bombay, (17th August 1937).	327 9 5	.....	2,364 4 0	87 6 6
	Total ...	395 1 8	.....	3,125 6 0	287 14 7
	Seamen.				
28	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, (30th March 1932).	286 9 7	.....	15,929 0 0	369 0 0
29	The Seamen's Union, Bombay, (6th April 1935).		Registration cancelled.		
	Total ...	286 9 7	.....	15,929 0 0	369 0 0

* Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	Docks and Port Trusts.				
30	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay, (4th January 1929).	2,970 5 6	.....	772 0 0	16,618 11 0
31	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay, (12th September 1929).	7,116 7 3	.....	379 4 0	275 5 1
32	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th February 1932).	5 2 0	.....	35 8 0	22 8 0
33	The Dockyard Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1935).	775 2 6	.....	1,081 0 0	.....
	Total ...	10,867 1 3	.....	2,267 12 0	16,916 8 1
	Miscellaneous.				
34	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay, (31st August 1929).	262 7 3	.....	.....	49 6 0
35	The Painting Kamgar Union, Bombay, (21st December 1934).	5 6 3	.....	.....	.....
36	The Bombay Hawkers' Union, Bombay, (30th April 1935).	.....	.....	88 14 0	.....
37	The Phurat Licensed Plumbers' Union, Bombay, (3rd May 1935).	25 5 0	.....	7 4 0	0 5 0*
38	The Match Factory Workers' Union, Bombay, (4th July 1935).	120 6 11	.....	336 10 0	.....
39	The Bombay Presidency Electric Workmen's Union, Bombay, (9th September 1935).	7 10 0	.....	.....	.....
40	The Bombay Dhobies' Union, Bombay, (9th July 1936).	180 8 0	.....	8 2 0	.....
41	The Hotel Workers' Union, Poona, (21st July 1936).	9 15 0	.....	20 8 0	.....
42	The Thana District Salt-Pan Workers' Union, Juchendra, District Thana, (31st July 1936).		Registration cancelled.		
43	The Gold and Silver Workers' Union, Bombay, (30th October 1936).	0 2 0	.....	46 14 0	.....
44	The Bombay Postmen Union, Bombay, (26th May 1937).	4,524 3 6	37,097 0 0	2,405 8 0	609 3 4
45	The Government Medical Store Employees' Union, Bombay, (16th July 1937).	61 12 9	.....	90 0 0	.....
46	The Bombay Leather Workers' Union, Bombay, (20th August 1937).		Information not available.		
47	The Bombay Hair Cutting Saloon Workers' Union, Bombay, (28th August 1937).	.....	.....	295 12 0	.....
	Total ...	5,197 12 8	37,097 0 0	3,219 8 0	658 14 4
	Employers' Associations.				
48	The Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association, Ahmedabad, (21st January 1935).	480 8 0	.....	4,341 14 10	291 8 0
49	The Bombay Mutton Dealers' Union, Bombay, (27th April 1937).	.....	.....	702 12 6	322 4 6*
50	The Dhulia Nardhana Motor Owners' Union, Dhulia, (15th March 1938).	308 0 0	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	788 8 0	.....	5,044 11 4	613 12 6
	Grand Total ...	74,082 12 8	1,00,297 9 0	63,771 10 2	38,733 15 0

* Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

9. The General Fund was the principal liability of the majority of the unions. It formed the only liability of 18 unions while three unions had liabilities other than the General Fund. The total amount at the credit of the General Fund Account of all the unions was Rs. 2,25,305-5-2 and other liabilities amounted to Rs. 46,330-2-8. It may be mentioned, however, that the financial position of some of the unions is better than that indicated by their General Funds as they maintain certain other funds which are included among "other liabilities". For instance, the Bombay Postmen Union has a reserve fund of over Rs. 25,000 and the Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, a similar fund of Rs. 2,452, while the B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union maintained an Investment Fluctuation Fund which had an amount of Rs. 1,812-8-0 standing at its credit at the end of the year. The total assets of all the unions amounted to Rs. 2,76,885-14-10. This, however, includes an amount of Rs. 63,771-10-2 for "unpaid subscriptions due" the real value of which is very doubtful. The amount of cash assets was as usual the largest in the case of the Railway group and amounted to Rs. 52,103-15-10. To this amount the National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, alone contributed cash assets amounting to Rs. 36,384-2-1. Securities amounting to a lakh of rupees were held by five unions of which the National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, and the Bombay Postmen Union alone held securities worth about Rs. 86,000.

10. As pointed out in the previous paragraph, of the total assets of Rs. 2,76,885-14-10 as much as Rs. 63,771-10-2 or 23·03 per cent. represent the amount of unpaid subscriptions due. These figures, however, do not reveal the true position as they include the assets of nine unions which had no subscriptions outstanding. If these nine unions and the Bombay Postmen Union and the National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, which had small outstandings as compared to their total assets, are excluded from the statistics, the percentage for the remaining 34 unions works out to 43·02. The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, and the Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union were alone responsible for Rs. 28,662-8-0, the former's share being Rs. 15,929-0-0. Among other unions the Bombay Mill Workers' Union and the New G. I. P. Railway Staff Union had over Rs. 5,000 each as outstanding. The Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association had over Rs. 4,000 as outstanding, while one other union reported outstandings of over Rs. 3,000, three of over Rs. 2,000 and two of over Rs. 1,000 each. As stated in the last year's report this is largely due to the laxity of the unions' executives in strictly observing their rules in this respect. A tendency that appears to be growing is to write off large arrears of subscriptions and to continue the defaulting members on the rolls in contravention of the union's constitution. To quote a few instances the National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, wrote off Rs. 1,29,662-0-0, the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), Bombay, Rs. 12,013-2-0, the G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union,

Bombay, Rs. 7,810-5-0 and the Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Rs. 1,197-8-0. This is to be strongly deprecated and the unions concerned have been warned not to resort to such practice in future.

11. The Assets of the Federation—the Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad—were made up of cash amounting to Rs. 1,807-13-7, securities worth Rs. 33,820, immovable property Rs. 1,00,195-3-0 and miscellaneous assets amounting to Rs. 59,065-4-3. The liabilities of the Federation were composed of the General Fund amounting to Rs. 87,716-1-9, Staff Provident Fund to Rs. 8,930-4-10, Shahapur Housing Society Sinking Fund to Rs. 6,863-0-5 and other liabilities to Rs. 75,135-8-4. The Federation also maintains a political fund, which had a balance of Rs. 16,243-5-6 at the end of the year.

12. During the year alterations made in the constitutions of 22 unions were registered as prescribed under Regulation 12 of the Bombay Trade Unions Regulations. An examination of some of the constitutions received with the returns showed that amendments made in them during the year were not notified to this office for registration as required under section 28 (3) of the Act. The attention of the unions concerned was invited to the provisions of the Act and they were warned to be careful in future in this respect.

13. No appeal was preferred under section 11 of the Act during the year under report.

14. According to the quarterly reviews published in the *Labour Gazette*, at the beginning of the year the total number of trade unions—registered as well as unregistered—in the Province of Bombay was 100 with a membership of 88,078 while at the close of the year there were 126 unions comprising 108,587 members. Fifty-one of the unions were registered under the Act. Of the remaining unions 32 were associations of employees of the Postal and Telegraph Department consisting mainly of clerical workers. Of the new registrations, two, the Bombay Postmen Union and the Government Medical Store Employees' Union, Bombay, were Associations of Government servants.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. F. GENNINGS,

Registrar of Trade Unions for the Province of Bombay.

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	Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways.							
1	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad (27th October 1927).	61	24	...	85	...	85	...
2	The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay (31st October 1927).	2,866	42	681	2,226	1	2,227	...
3	The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay (22nd August 1928).	2,353	650	385	2,614	4	2,618	...
4	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay (12th September 1928).	1,030	210	540	700	...	700	...
5	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay (10th October 1928).	279	196	20	455	...	455	...
6	The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay (20th February 1930).	291	29	39	281	...	281	...
7	The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay (18th January 1932).	8,201	809	102	8,901	7	8,908	..
8	§The New G. I. P. Railway Staff Union, Bombay (7th February 1935).	4,331	2,788	167	6,952	...	6,952	...
9	The G. I. P. Railway Contractors' and Licensed Coolies' Union, Bhusaval (11th April 1935).	105	49	2	151	1	152	...
10	The Bombay Suburban Taxi Drivers' Association, Bombay (29th November 1935).	70	2	2	70	...	70	...
11	The Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union, Bombay (30th June 1937).	2,000	1,132	...	3,132	...	3,132	...
12	The B. B. & C. I Railwaymen's Union, Bombay (5th July 1937).	610	494	...	1,104	...	1,104	...
13	The Bombay Hack Victoria Drivers' Union, Bombay (27th October 1937).						Registration	
	Total ...	22,197	6,425	1,938	26,671	13	26,684	...

§ The name was changed to G. I. P. Railway men's Union on 9th August 1933.

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
—4,874 14 3*	34 8 0	500 5 9	—5,340 12 0†	...	...	...	...
11,474 2 11	1,935 6 5	2,663 10 5	10,745 14 11	...	...	...	...
88,270 5 1	51,556 12 6	49,502 10 7	90,318 7 0	...	...	...	...
4,565 13 4	2,835 2 0	3,935 8 0	3,465 7 4	...	...	...	...
1,361 6 10‡	953 7 0	706 12 0	1,608 1 10	...	...	...	...
2,577 7 3	875 9 10	725 6 6	2,727 10 7	...	...	...	...
4,563 10 11	13,202 2 0	13,352 13 10	4,412 15 1	...	...	...	...
1,739 12 9	9,661 5 3	7,819 2 3	3,581 15 9	...	...	...	...
100 5 9	57 0 0	138 15 0	18 6 9	...	...	...	...
942 3 6†	442 0 0	665 14 0	718 5 6	...	...	...	...
1,848 8 0	15,987 13 0	2,408 0 0	15,428 5 0	...	...	...	...
.....	876 9 0	535 4 0	341 5 0	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
1,12,568 14 1	98,411 11 0	82,954 6 4	1,28,026 2 9	...	...	...	...

* Debit balance.
† Excess of expenditure over income.
‡ Of the last year's closing balance of Rs. 1,561-6-10, Rs. 200 were transferred to the Provident Fund Account.

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	Tramways.							
14	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay (24th May 1928).	192	165	1	356	...	356	....
	Total ...	192	165	1	356	...	356	...
	Textiles.							
15	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay (23rd December 1927).	22	6	8	20	...	20	...
16	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay (1st June 1928).	4,076	2,062	544	5,522	72	5,594	...
17	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay (11th September 1930).	252	33	37	248	...	248	...
18	The Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union, Dhulia (8th April 1933).							Information
19	The Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay (26th March 1935).	477	3,749	187	3,712	327	4,039	...
20	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), Bombay (22nd October 1935).	5,500	2,500	...	7,652	348	8,000	...
21	The Lal Bawta Girni Kamgar Union, Sholapur (13th December 1935).	400	257	157	500	...	500	...
22	The Gokak Mills Employees' Union, Gokak Falls (14th October 1936).	2,884	678	778	1,688	1,096	2,784	...
23	The Mill Kamdar Union, Ahmedabad (4th August 1937).	300	150	50	400	...	400	...
	Total ...	13,911	9,435	1,761	19,742	1,843	21,585	...
	Printing Presses.							
24	The Government Central Press Industrial Employees' Union, Bombay (28th April 1932).	393	46	12	426	1	427	...
25	The Lal Bawta Press Kamgar Union, Bombay (18th September 1934).	679	310	309	680	...	680	...
	Total ...	1,072	356	321	1,106	1	1,107	...

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
957 2 9	733 4 0	854 15 0	835 7 9	...	...	...	...
957 2 9	733 4 0	854 15 0	835 7 9	...	...	...	...
635 3 3	84 0 0	151 10 0	557 9 3	...	...	...	...
5,355 12 3	3,683 0 0	3,452 6 3	5,586 6 0	...	...	...	...
12,094 11 1	1,968 15 0	1,344 0 0	12,719 10 1	...	...	...	...
not available.							
91 11 0	5,290 8 0	3,333 2 6	2,049 0 6	...	...	...	...
11,767 7 8	2,038 8 0	13,540 10 9	265 4 6	...	...	...	...
168 4 0	565 10 0	487 0 0	246 14 0	...	...	...	...
429 3 0	1,566 0 0	498 7 9	1,496 12 0	...	...	...	...
11 0 3	362 9 9	342 6 3	31 8 9	...	...	...	...
30,543 4 1	15,559 3 6	23,149 11 6	22,952 12 1	...	...	...	...
729 6 1	313 7 0	293 12 3	749 0 10	...	...	...	...
2 10 3	223 11 0	236 6 9	*—10 1 6*	...	...	...	...
732 0 4	537 2 0	530 3 0	738 15 4	...	...	...	...

* Excess of expenditure over income.

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	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year.			Subscribing to political fund.
					Males.	Females.	Total.	
	Municipal.							
26	The Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay (29th March 1935).	500	577	...	902	175	1,077	...
27	The Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh, Bombay (17th August 1937).	300	1,325	...	1,139	486	1,625	...
	Total ...	800	1,902	...	2,041	661	2,702	...
	Seamen.							
28	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay (30th March 1932).	9,266	6,929	266	15,929	...	15,929	...
29	The Seamen's Union, Bombay (6th April 1935).						Registration	
	Total ...	9,266	6,929	266	15,929	...	15,929	...
	Docks and Port Trusts.							
30	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay (4th January 1929).	715	34	61	688	...	688	...
31	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay (12th September 1929).	824	80	11	893	...	893	...
32	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay (5th February 1932).	491	1,624	...	2,115	...	2,115	...
33	The Dockyard Labour Union, Bombay (23rd December 1935).	558	2	311	249	...	249	...
	Total ...	2,588	1,740	383	3,945	...	3,945	...
	Miscellaneous.							
34	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay (31st August 1929).	38	352	...	390	...	390	...
35	The Painting Kamgar Union, Bombay (21st December 1934).	151	9	...	160	...	160	...
36	The Bombay Hawkers' Union, Bombay (30th April 1935).	500	79	...	541	38	579	...
37	The Phurat Licensed Plumbers' Union, Bombay (3rd May 1935).	19	1	8	12	...	12	...

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
678 2 6	1,637 4 0	1,286 4 2	1,029 2 4	...	...	...	...
381 14 9	3,383 13 0	1,061 6 10	2,704 3 11	...	...	...	...
1,060 1 3	5,021 0 0	2,347 11 0	3,733 6 3	...	...	...	...
1,21,638 11 11	31,363 6 6	1,37,618 13 4	15,383 5 1	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
1,21,638 11 11	31,362 6 6	1,37,618 13 4	15,382 5 1	...	...	...	...
18,792 0 6	5,194 3 0	3,625 3 0	20,361 0 6	...	...	...	...
7,440 11 4	1,923 4 0	1,818 7 0	7,545 8 4	...	...	...	...
1,224 4 0	724 4 0	1,885 6 0	63 2 0	...	...	...	...
2,638 6 6	755 3 0	1,537 7 0	1,856 2 6	...	...	...	...
30,095 6 4	8,596 14 0	8,866 7 0	29,825 13 4	...	...	...	...
581 11 6	1,172 12 0	1,442 10 3	311 13 3	...	...	...	...
140 12 6	46 0 0	181 6 3	5 6 3	...	...	...	...
806 6 9	393 14 3	1,184 14 0	15 7 0	...	...	...	...
167 11 0	76 0 0	244 0 0	—0 5 0*	...	...	...	...

* Excess of expenditure over income.

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	Miscellaneous—contd.							
38	The Match Factory Workers' Union, Bombay (4th July 1935).	205	29	18	190	26	216	...
39	The Bombay Presidency Electric Workmen's Union, Bombay (9th September 1935).	205	25	...	230	...	230	...
40	The Bombay Dhobies' Union, Bombay (9th July 1936).	244	...	124	104	16	120	...
41	The Hotel Workers' Union, Poona (21st July 1936).	139	60	102	97	...	97	...
42	The Thana District Salt-Pan Workers' Union, Juchendra, District Thana (31st July 1936).						Registration	
43	The Gold and Silver Workers' Union, Bombay (30th October 1936).	306	74	1	379	...	379	...
44	The Bombay Postmen Union, Bombay (26th May 1937).	908	46	68	886	...	886	...
45	The Government Medical Store Employees' Union, Bombay (16th July 1937).	...*	101	4	53	44	97	...
46	The Bombay Leather Workers' Union, Bombay (20th August 1937).						Information	
47	The Bombay Hair Cutting Saloon Workers' Union, Bombay (28th August 1937).	102	...	...	102	...	102	...
	Total ...	2,817	776	325	3,144	124	3,268	...
	Employers' Associations.							
48	The Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association, Ahmedabad (21st January (1935).	86	...	2	83	1	84	...
49	The Bombay Mutton Dealers' Union, Bombay (27th April 1937).	374	...	...	374	...	374	...
50	The Dhulia Nardhana Motor Owners' Union, Dhulia (15th March 1938).	...*	38	...	38	...	38	...
	Total ...	460	38	2	495	1	496	...
	Grand Total ...	53,303	27,766	4,997	73,429	2,643	76,072	...

* The Union was formed during the year.

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
657 4 2	661 8 0	871 11 3	447 0 11	...	..	...	...
369 15 6	57 8 0	419 13 6	7 10 0	...	...	...	...
634 5 6	157 8 0	603 3 6	188 10 0	...	...	...	...
8 5 0	24 4 0	21 14 0	10 11 0	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
380 4 3	271 10 0	634 14 3	17 0 0	...	...	...	...
14,032 8 8	9,908 12 11	6,251 8 9	17,689 12 10	...	...	...	...
.....	130 8 0	48 11 3	81 12 9	...	...	...	...
not available.							
.....	306 0 0	10 4 0	295 12 0	...	...	...	...
17,779 4 10	13,206 5 2	11,914 15 0	19,070 11 0	...	...	...	...
2,841 13 4	3,031 0 0	1,318 13 3	4,554 0 1	...	...	...	...
6 0 0	1,122 0 0	1,250 4 6	—122 4 6†	...	...	...	...
.....	1,381 13 0	1,073 13 0	308 0 0	...	...	...	...
2,847 13 4	5,534 13 0	3,642 14 9	4,739 11 7	...	...	...	...
3,18,222 10 11	1,78,962 11 2	2,71,880 0 11	2,25,305 5 2	...	...	...	...

† Excess of expenditure over income.

FORM

Return of Federation registered at close of year.	Number of Unions.			
Name of Federation (and date of Registration).	At beginning of year.	Affiliated during year.	Disaffiliated during year.	At end of year.
The Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad. (23rd October 1935).	6	.....	.....	6
Total ...	6	.....	.....	6

* Of the last year's closing balance of Rs. 89,936-9-3

B.

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
88,656 9 3*	1,15,163 9 3	1,16,104 0 9	87,716 1 9	17,513 2 9	...	1,269 13 3	16,243 5 6
88,656 9 3	1,16,163 9 3	1,16,104 0 9	87,716 1 9	17,513 2 9	...	1,269 13 3	16,243 5 6

*Rs. 1,280-0-0 were transferred to the Staff Provident Fund Account.

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS
FOR THE PROVINCE OF BOMBAY,
SECRETARIAT, BOMBAY.
The 12th December 1939.

From

D. S. BAKHLE, ESQUIRE, I.C.S.,
Registrar of Trade Unions for the Province of Bombay,
Secretariat, Bombay;

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF BOMBAY,
Political and Services Department, Bombay.

Subject.—Annual Report on the Working of the Indian Trade Unions Act (No. XVI of 1926) for the year 1938-39.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the working of the Indian Trade Unions Act in the Province of Bombay for the year ending 31st March 1939.

2. As usual, the unions were addressed in April inviting their attention to the requirements of section 28 of the Act and asking them to submit their annual returns by the prescribed date. The unions were also supplied with copies of detailed memoranda of instructions regarding the proper filling in of the returns. With a view to saving time and labour all the unions generally, and particularly those with their head offices in Bombay, were advised to come to this office for the clarification of any doubts and difficulties that they may have prior to submitting the returns officially. Another step taken to ensure prompt submission of returns was the issue of reminders in the first week of July to such unions as had not sent in their returns drawing their attention to the necessity of submitting the returns by the prescribed date. This had the desired effect, 43 out of 53 returns due being received by the prescribed date. Extension of time was asked for and granted once to three unions and twice to two unions. The last return was received in the second week of October 1939.

3. There was a general improvement in the quality of the returns, but many of them were not in order for one reason or another and had to be sent back for rectification before they could be finally

accepted. As in previous years the officials of unions with their head offices in Bombay were called for interview and the defects in the returns explained to them, but in several cases the union officials were not prompt in resubmitting the duly rectified returns. In the case of unions outside Bombay the difficulty in getting the returns corrected was much greater and several reminders—and in one case a telegraphic reminder—had to be issued before the returns could be obtained. Even so, it has not been possible to obtain the rectified return from the Gokak Mills Employees' Union and it had to be excluded from the report.

4. As stated in paragraph 4 of the last year's report there were 51 unions, including one Federation, on the register on 31st March 1938. Thirteen new unions were registered during the year under report. Of these 64 unions, however, the registrations of three unions mentioned in paragraph 4 of the last year's report were cancelled, while the control of the following eight unions was transferred to the Central Government on 1st April 1938 in pursuance of the adaptation made in section 2 of the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926, by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937 :—

(1) The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, Ahmedabad ;

(2) The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union, Bombay ;

(3) The National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay ;

(4) The G. I. P. Railway Accounts Staff Union, Bombay ;

(5) The G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union, Bombay ;

(6) The G. I. P. Railway Contractors' and Licensed Coolies' Union, Bhusaval ;

(7) The B. B. & C. I. Railwaymen's Union, Bombay ; and

(8) The G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union, Bombay.

The number of unions on the register on 1st April 1939 was thus 53.

5. Of these 53 unions, the Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union and the Bombay Leather Workers' Union were already under notice of cancellation of registration for failure to submit returns for 1937-38. Similar notices were issued to (1) the Bombay Textile Labour Union, (2) the Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, (3) the Painting Kamgar Union, Bombay, (4) the Bombay Presidency Electric Workmen's Union, (5) the Hotel Workers' Union, Poona, and (6) the Bombay Hair Cutting Saloon Workers' Union, which had

failed to submit their returns for the year under report. The Bombay Dhobies' Union and the Bombay Mutton Dealers' Union were also served with notices under section 10 (*b*) of the Act as they had ceased to exist, while the Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association sent in a notice of dissolution in form "H" prescribed under Regulation 15 of the Bombay Trade Unions Regulations, 1927. The registrations of all these 11 unions have been cancelled. Excluding the Gokak Mills Employees' Union, which failed to resubmit its rectified return, there are thus 41 unions, including one Federation, whose annual returns have been incorporated in the report.

6. Reference has been made to the defective character of many of the returns. In a number of cases the defects were such as could have been avoided if a little care had been exercised at the time of the filling in of the returns. For instance, in certain cases the return was not dated or the year to which the return related had not been shown. In a few cases the returns were not signed by the officers, while in others the list of officers enclosed with the return was incomplete. These were minor defects, but in several cases the defects were of a more serious nature which showed that the trade union officials and the auditors do not pay sufficient attention to the instructions given in the detailed memorandum of instructions which is sent to every union with the annual return forms. To give but one example, it has been pointed out in the memorandum that the opening figure of the general fund account and of membership should be the same as the closing figure for the previous year in both cases. Some of the returns, however, showed entirely different figures.

7. Only seven individual unions had a membership of over 2,000 during the year. Although the Act required only these unions to have their annual accounts audited by auditors qualified to audit company accounts the number of unions which actually engaged such auditors was 26. Of the remaining unions, eight had their accounts audited by two ordinary members and six by persons holding offices as members of legislature or municipality. The accounts of five unions were signed by auditors subject to certain remarks and in all these cases the audit had been carried out by auditors qualified to audit company accounts.

8. Full information regarding the membership, income and expenditure and opening and closing balances in respect of the 40 individual unions which submitted returns is given in the statement in Form "A" appended to the report. Table "B" gives similar information with regard to the Federation—the Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad. The total membership of the reporting unions increased from 48,97- to 50,997 or by 4·14 per cent. It is of interest to note that the "Tramways" Group, with the addition of the Tramway Traffic Union, recorded a rise of nearly 394 per cent. in the membership of the group. The other groups which contributed to the general increase in the membership were "Municipal"—63·93 per cent.—and "Printing Presses" and "Seamen", about 17 per cent. each. Of the two

Employers' Associations, the membership of one was steady while that of the other recorded a fall of 60·53 per cent. The actual and percentage variations in the membership of each group were as shown below :—

Group.	Membership at		Total increase or decrease.	Percentage increase or decrease.
	beginning of year.	end of year.		
Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways ...	4,699	3,124	-1,575	-33·52
Tramways ...	356	1,757	+1,401	+393·54
Textiles ...	16,933	15,552	-1,381	-8·16
Printing Presses ...	1,314	1,538	+224	+17·05
Municipal ...	2,980	4,885	+1,905	+63·93
Seamen ...	15,929	18,747	+2,818	+17·69
Docks and Port Trusts ...	3,945	2,186	-1,759	-44·59
Miscellaneous ...	2,755	3,170	+415	+15·06
Employers' Associations ...	61	38	-23	-37·70

9. The steady improvement which was noticeable in the female membership of the individual unions for the last four years was not maintained and there was actually a fall of nearly 43 per cent., the membership dropping from 2,643 to 1,502. This was, however, mainly due to the cancellation of the registration of the Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, which had a female membership of 327, and the exclusion of the Gokak Mills Employees' Union, with a membership of 1,096 women members.

10. As regards funds, all the unions except the Lal Bavta Press Kamgar Union, Bombay, and the Phurat Licensed Plumbers' Union, Bombay, opened the year with credit balances. The financial condition of both these unions, however, improved during the year and they were able to balance their books at the close of the year. The BEST Omnibus Conductors' Union, Bombay, and the Gold and Silver Workers' Union, Bombay, which, however, started the year with credit balances were unable to maintain the position at the close of the year. None of the individual unions maintained a political fund during the year under report. The following table gives details of the assets of the unions under the heads (1) Cash (either in hand or in bank or banks or deposits with individuals), (2) Securities, (3) Unpaid subscriptions due and (4) Miscellaneous :—

Statement showing the details of the Assets of the Trade Unions Registered at the close of the year ended the 31st March 1939.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay, (12th September 1928).	1,475 10 1	1,110 0 0	1,664 12 0	58 10 0
2	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, (10th October 1928).	4,236 4 7	.....	50 6 0	120 0 0
3	The Bombay Suburban Taxi Drivers' Association, Bombay, (29th November 1935).	271 9 6	.....	318 0 0	.....
4	The Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union, Bombay, (30th June 1937).	2,872 8 0	.....	1,699 8 0	150 0 0
5	The Bombay Suburban Taximen's Union, Bombay, (26th July 1938).*	50 0 0	.....	105 0 0	.....
6	The BEST Omnibus Conductors' Union, Bombay, (12th October 1938).	.....	.....	12 8 0	48 12 0†
7	The BEST Omnibus Drivers' Union, Bombay, (18th October 1938).	97 8 0	.....	33 8 0	33 14 0
8	The Suburban Busmen's Union, Bandra, (16th January 1939).	68 0 0	.....	4 0 0	6 0 0
9	The Motor Drivers' & Motor Workers' Association, Ahmedabad, (7th March 1939).	1,215 11 6	.....	350 0 0	.....
	Total ...	10,287 3 8	1,110 0 0	4,237 10 0	417 4 0
	Tramways.				
10	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay, (24th May 1928).	483 7 9	.....	378 14 9	159 0 0
11	The Tramway Traffic Union, Bombay, (21st October 1938).	1,416 14 3	.....	134 4 0	51 6 0
	Total ...	1,900 6 0	.....	513 2 9	210 6 0
	Textiles.				
12	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1927).		Registration cancelled.		
13	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay, (1st June 1928).	8 4 0	.....	3,396 0 0	5 0 0
14	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay, (11th September 1930).	4,061 12 1	7,442 8 0	188 8 0	1,195 0 0

*The name was changed to "Bombay Presidency Motor Transport Workers' Union", Bombay, on 28th September 1939.

†Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
	Textiles—contd.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
15	The Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union, Dhulia, (8th April 1933).		Registration cancelled.		
16	The Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, (28th March 1935).		Registration cancelled.		
17	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), Bombay, (22nd October 1935).	143 15 0	.....	459 10 0	25 12 0
18	The Lal Bawta Girni Kamgar Union, Sholapur, (13th December 1935).	22 12 3	.....	.....	.....
19	The Gokak Mills Employees' Union, Gokak Falls, (14th October 1936).		Information not available.		
20	The Mill Kamdar Union, Ahmedabad, (4th August 1937).	16 5 6	.....	.....	7 6 9
21	The Amalner Girni Kamgar Union, Amalner, (22nd September 1938).	336 2 0	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	4,589 2 10	7,442 8 0	4,044 2 0	1,303 2 9
	Printing Presses.				
22	The Government Central Press Industrial Employees' Union, Bombay, (28th April 1932).	624 7 7	.....	110 1 5	21 0 0
23	The Lal Bavta Press Kamgar Union, Bombay, (18th September 1934).	4 9 6	.....	.....	24 10 9
24	The Press Kamgar Sangh, Ahmedabad, (17th January 1939).	133 10 6	.....	140 3 0	163 12 0
	Total ...	762 11 7	.....	250 4 5	209 6 9
	Municipal.				
25	The Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay, (29th March 1935).	220 12 3	.....	1,259 0 0	187 15 0
26	The Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh, Bombay, (17th August 1937).	3,009 12 5	.....	1,468 4 0	629 10 3
27	The Ahmedabad Municipal Servants' Association, (2nd February 1939).	1,094 8 7	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	4,325 1 3	.....	2,727 4 0	817 9 3
	Seamen.				
28	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, (30th March 1932).	22 0 7	.....	32,310 0 0	369 0 0
29	The Seamen's Union, Bombay, (23rd March 1939).	753 11 3	.....	.....	680 5 0
	Total ...	776 11 10	.....	32,310 0 0	1,049 5 0

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
	Docks and Port Trusts.				
30	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay, (4th January 1929).	2,923 4 0	.....	505 12 0	18,127 14 3
31	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay, (12th September 1929).	7,284 10 8	.....	626 2 0	275 5 1
32	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th February 1932).	2 2 0	.....	35 8 0	22 8 0
33	The Dockyard Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1935).	1,004 10 0	.....	502 8 0	.....
	Total ...	11,214 10 8	.....	1,669 14 0	18,425 11 4
	Miscellaneous.				
34	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay, (31st August 1929).	530 3 9	.....	100 0 0	49 6 0
35	The Painting Kamgar Union, Bombay, (21st December 1934).		Registration cancelled.		
36	The Bombay Hawkers' Union, Bombay, (30th April 1935).	18 0 9	.....	37 10 0	.....
37	The Phurat Licensed Plumbers' Union, Bombay, (3rd May 1935).	53 5 0	.....	34 8 0	.....
38	The Match Factory Workers' Union, Bombay, (4th July 1935).	124 10 8	.....	30 0 0	.....
39	The Bombay Presidency Electric Workmen's Union, Bombay, (9th September 1935).		Registration cancelled.		
40	The Bombay Dhobies' Union, Bombay, (9th July 1936).		Registration cancelled.		
41	The Hotel Workers' Union, Poona, (21st July 1936).		Registration cancelled.		
42	The Gold and Silver Workers' Union, Bombay, (30th October 1936).	0 7 0	.....	.....	29 9 0*
43	The Bombay Postmen Union, Bombay, (26th May 1937).	2,160 10 4	39,160 10 0	2,841 0 0	708 5 5
44	The Government Medical Store Employees' Union, Bombay, (16th July 1937).	70 2 9	.....	114 10 0	.....
45	The Bombay Leather Workers' Union, Bombay, (20th August 1937).		Registration cancelled.		
46	The Bombay Hair Cutting Saloon Workers' Union, Bombay, (28th August 1937).		Registration cancelled.		
47	The Belapur Kamgar Union, (15th February 1939).	130 16 6	.....	55 2 6	132 0 6

* Inclusive of General Fund deficit.

Serial No.	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	Assets.			
		Cash.	Securities.	Unpaid subscriptions due.	Miscellaneous.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. a.	Rs. a. p.
	Miscellaneous—contd.				
48	The Bombay Domestic Workers' Union, (20th February 1939).	1 9 0	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	3,090 0 9	39,160 10 0	3,212 14 6	919 4 11
	Employers' Associations.				
49	The Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association, Ahmedabad, (21st January 1935).		Registration cancelled.		
50	The Bombay Muttoo Dealers' Union, Bombay, (27th April 1937).		Registration cancelled.		
51	The Dhulia Nardhana Motor Owners' Union, Dhulia, (16th March 1938).	488 0 0	.....	.....	.....
52	The Dhulia-Jalgaon Motor Owners' Union, (19th January 1939).	74 14 0	.....	36 0 0	.....
	Total ...	562 14 0	.....	36 0 0	.....
	Grand Total ...	37,307 14 7	47,713 2 0	49,001 3 8	23,352 2 0

11. The principal liability of the majority of the unions was the general fund. It formed the only liability of 20 unions, while two unions had liabilities other than the general fund. The total amount at the credit of the general fund account of all the unions was Rs. 1,22,560-13-9 and other liabilities amounted to Rs. 35,013-8-6, as against total assets amounting to Rs. 1,57,574-6-3. The figure for total assets includes an amount of Rs. 49,001-3-8 for unpaid subscriptions due, the real value of which is doubtful. Till the last year the amount of cash assets was the largest in the case of the "Railways" group, but owing to the transfer of the National Union of Railwaymen of India and Burma, Bombay, which mainly contributed to this figure, to the Central Registrar the "Docks and Port Trusts" group showed the largest cash assets, viz. Rs. 11,214-10-8 during the year under report. To this amount the Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union alone contributed cash assets amounting to Rs. 7,284-10-8. Securities amounting to Rs. 47,713-2-0 were held by three unions of which the Bombay Postmen Union held securities worth nearly Rs. 39,200.

12. As pointed out in the previous paragraph, of the total assets of Rs. 1,57,574-6-3, as much as Rs. 49,001-3-8 or 31·09 per cent. represent the amount of unpaid subscriptions due. The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, alone was responsible for Rs. 32,310. Of the other unions the Bombay Mill Workers' Union and the Bombay Postmen Union had about Rs. 3,400 and Rs. 2,800 as outstandings while two other unions reported outstandings of about Rs. 1,700 each.

13. The assets of the Federation—the Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad, with a total membership of 23,766*—were made up of cash amounting to Rs. 6,970-11-5, securities worth Rs.33,700-0-0 and miscellaneous assets amounting to Rs. 1,84,194-1-7. The liabilities of the Federation were composed of the general fund amounting to Rs. 88,491-6-3, staff provident fund of Rs. 12,944-10-10, Shahapur Housing Society Sinking Fund of Rs. 10,349-11-5 and other liabilities amounting to Rs. 1,13,079-0-6. The Federation had also a balance of Rs. 16,043-13-3 at the credit of its political fund account at the end of the year. It is interesting to note that the Association spent about Rs. 6,350 in conducting trade disputes and paid about Rs. 48,500 by way of educational, social and religious benefits.

14. The alterations in their registered constitutions notified by six unions in accordance with the provisions of section 28 (3) of the Act were registered. An examination of some of the constitutions received with the returns showed that amendments made in them during the year were not notified for registration as required under the Act. The attention of the unions concerned was invited to the irregularity and they were warned to be careful in future in this respect.

15. No appeal was preferred under section 11 of the Act during the year under report.

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*As on 1st March 1939.

16. According to the quarterly reviews published in the *Labour Gazette*, at the beginning of the year the number of the trade unions registered and unregistered in the Province of Bombay was 126 with a membership of 103,587. Fifty-one of the unions were registered under the Act. Of the remaining unions, 31 were associations of employees of the Postal and Telegraph Department consisting mainly of clerical employees.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D. S. BAKHLE,

Registrar of Trade Unions for the Province of Bombay.

FORM A.

FORM

Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year.	Number of members.						
	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year.			Subscribing to political fund.
					Males.	Females.	Total.	
	Railways (including Railway Workshops) and Transport other than Tramways.							
1	The Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, Bombay, (12th September 1928).	700	229	29	900	...	900	...
2	The Bombay Port Trust Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, (10th October 1928).	455	53	32	476	...	476	...
3	The Bombay Suburban Taxi Drivers Association, Bombay, (29th November 1935).	70	...	10	60	...	60	...
4	The Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union, Bombay, (30th June 1937).	3,132	...	2,431	701	...	701	...
5	The Bombay Suburban Taxi-men's Union, Bombay,* (26th July 1938).	...†	63	...	63	...	63	...
6	The BEST Omnibus Conductors' Union, Bombay, (12th October 1938).	...†	233	...	233	...	233	...
7	The BEST Omnibus Drivers' Union, Bombay, (18th October 1938).	...†	185	...	185	...	185	...
8	The Suburban Busmen's Union, Bandra, (16th January 1939).	...†	174	...	174	...	174	...
9	The Motor Drivers' & Motor Workers' Association, Ahmedabad, (7th March 1939).	343	312	322	332	...	332	...
	Total ...	4,699	1,249	2,834	3,124	...	3,124	...
	Tramways.							
10	The Tramwaymen's Union, Bombay, (24th May 1928).	356	295	69	581	1	582	...
11	The Tramway Traffic Union, Bombay, (21st October 1938).	...†	1,175	...	1,175	...	1,175	...
	Total ...	356	1,470	69	1,756	1	1,757	...

* The name was changed to "Bombay Presidency Motor Transport Workers' Union," Bombay, on 25th September 1939.

† The Union was formed during the year.

A.

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
3,465 7 4	2,147 10 0	1,717 9 3	3,895 8 1	...	...	...	...
1,390 1 10§	1,095 13 0	848 4 3	1,637 10 7	...	...	...	...
718 5 6	360 0 0	488 12 0	589 9 6	...	...	...	...
15,428 5 0	4,206 0 0	14,952 5 0	4,682 0 0	...	...	...	...
.....	187 4 0	32 4 0	155 0 0	...	...	...	...
.....	407 12 0	444 8 0	– 36 12 0‡	...	...	...	
.....	647 8 0	482 10 0	164 14 0	...	...	...	...
.....	238 8 0	150 8 0	78 0 0	...	...	...	...
.....	1,849 8 0	283 12 6	1,565 11 6	...	...	...	..
21,002 3 8	11,129 15 0	19,400 9 0	12,731 9 8	...	...	...	...
835 7 9	1,023 5 9	869 7 0	989 6 6	...	...	...	...
.....	2,056 4 0	453 11 9	1,602 8 8	...	...	...	...
835 7 9	3,079 9 9	1,323 2 9	2,591 14 9	...	...	...	...

‡ Excess of expenditure over income.

§Of the last year's closing balance of Rs. 1,608-1-10, Rs. 218 were transferred to the Provident Fund Account.

FORM

Serial No.	Return of Unions registered at close of year.	Number of members.						
	Name of Union (and date of Registration).	At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year.			Subscribing to political fund.
					Males.	Females.	Total.	
	Textiles.							
12	The Bombay Textile Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1927).						Registration	
13	The Bombay Mill Workers' Union, Bombay, (1st June 1928).	5,594	43	1,140	4,426	71	4,497	...
14	The Grant Road Parsee Association Textile League, Bombay, (11th September 1930).	248	20	11	257	...	257	...
15	The Dhulia Girni Kamgar Union, Dhulia, (8th April 1933).						Registration	
16	The Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay, (26th March 1935).						Registration	
17	The Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), Bombay, (22nd October 1935).	8,000	340	...	7,992	348	8,340	...
18	The Lal Bawta Girni Kamgar Union, Sholapur, (13th December 1935).	500	115	128	450	37	487	...
19	The Gokak Mills Employees' Union, Gokak Falls, (14th October 1936).						Information	
20	The Mill Kamdar Union, Ahmedabad, (4th August 1937).	400	550	...	950	...	950	...
21	The Amalner Girni Kamgar Union, Amalner, (22nd September 1938).	2,191	...	1,170	1,014	7	1,021	...
	Total ...	16,933	1,068	2,449	15,089	463	15,552	...
	Printing Presses.							
22	The Government Central Press Industrial Employees' Union, Bombay, (28th April 1932).	427	44	20	449	2	451	...
23	The Lal Bavta Press Kamgar Union, Bombay, (18th September 1934).	680	153	...	833	...	833	...
24	The Press Kamdar Sangh, Ahmedabad, (17th January 1939).	207	47	...	254	...	254	...
	Total ..	1,314	244	20	1,536	2	1,538	...

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
cancelled.							
5,586 6 0	1,409 4 0	3,698 11 0	3,296 15 0	...	...	...	...
12,719 10 1	1,708 6 0	1,540 4 0	12,887 12 1	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
cancelled.							
265 4 6	2,183 3 3	1,897 2 9	551 5 0	...	...	...	...
246 14 0	548 6 0	772 7 9	22 12 3	...	...	...	...
not available.							
31 3 9	469 13 9	477 5 3	23 12 3	...	...	...	...
161 15 0	1,291 2 3	1,116 15 3	336 2 0	...	...	...	...
19,011 5 4	7,610 3 3	9,502 14 0	17,118 10 7	...	...	...	...
749 0 10	409 2 0	402 9 10	755 9 0	...	...	...	...
-10 1 6*	291 6 0	267 0 3	14 4 3	...	...	...	...
315 0 3	474 5 0	398 5 9	390 15 6	...	...	...	...
1,053 15 7	1,174 13 0	1,067 15 10	1,160 13 9	...	...	...	...

* Debit balance.

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	Municipal.							
25	The Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay, (29th March 1935).	1,077	441	4	1,303	211	1,514	...
26	The Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh, Bombay, (17th August 1937).	1,625	1,688	283	2,316	714	3,030	...
27	The Ahmedabad Municipal Servants' Association, (2nd February 1939).	278	63	...	340	1	341	...
	Total ...	2,980	2,192	287	3,959	926	4,885	...
	Docks and Seamen.							
28	The National Seamen's Union of India, Bombay, (30th March 1932).	15,929	1,586	...	17,515	...	17,515	...
29	The Seamen's Union, Bombay, (23rd March 1939).	...*	1,232	...	1,232	...	1,232	...
	Total ...	15,929	2,818	...	18,747	...	18,747	...
	Docks and Port Trusts.							
30	The Bombay Port Trust Employees' Union, Bombay, (4th January 1929).	688	116	67	737	...	737	...
31	The Bombay Port Trust Docks Staff Union, Bombay, (12th September 1929).	893	6	10	889	...	889	...
32	The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Bombay, (5th February 1932).	2,115	...	1,892	223	...	223	...
33	The Dockyard Labour Union, Bombay, (23rd December 1935).	249	235	147	337	...	337	...
	Total ...	3,945	357	2,116	2,186	...	2,186	...
	Miscellaneous.							
34	The Dharavi Tannery and Leather Workers' Union, Bombay, (31st August 1929).	390	136	305	221	...	221	...
35	The Painting Kamgar Union, Bombay, (21st December 1934).						Registration	
36	The Bombay Hawkers' Union, Bombay, (30th April 1935).	579	...	...	541	38	579	...

* The Union was formed during the year.

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1,029 2 4	2,599 7 0	2,019 14 1	1,608 11 3	...	...	...	...
2,704 3 11	5,596 12 0	5,695 9 9	3,005 6 9	...	...	...	...
974 14 4	138 1 0	18 6 9	1,094 8 7	...	...	...	...
4,708 4 7	8,734 4 0	7,733 14 7	5,708 10 0	...	...	...	...
15,382 5 1	19,104 14 6	2,788 9 0	31,698 10 7	...	...	...	...
.....	2,521 7 0	1,239 6 9	1,282 0 8	...	...	...	...
15,382 5 1	21,626 5 6	4,027 15 9	32,980 10 10	...	...	...	...
20,361 0 6	5,349 4 3	4,158 6 6	21,551 14 3	...	...	...	...
7,545 8 4	2,102 14 0	1,687 12 7	7,960 9 9	...	...	...	...
63 2 0	161 6 0	216 6 0	8 2 0	...	...	...	...
1,856 2 6	528 6 0	877 6 6	1,507 2 0	...	...	...	...
29,825 13 4	8,141 14 3	6,939 15 7	31,027 12 0	...	...	...	...
311 13 3	663 12 0	295 15 6	679 9 9	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
15 7 0	241 12 0	251 8 3	5 10 9	...	...	...	...

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	Miscellaneous—contd.							
37	The Phurat Licensed Plumbers' Union, Bombay, (3rd May 1935).	12	15	2	25	...	25	...
38	The Match Factory Workers' Union, Bombay, (4th July 1935).	216	16	160	42	30	72	...
39	The Bombay Presidency Electric Workmen's Union, Bombay, (9th September 1935).						Registration	
40	The Bombay Dhobies' Union, Bombay, (9th July 1936).						Registration	
41	The Hotel Workers' Union, Poona, (21st July 1936).						Registration	
42	The Gold and Silver Workers' Union, Bombay, (30th October 1936).	379	1	...	380	...	380	...
43	The Bombay Postmen Union, Bombay, (26th May 1937).	886	62	35	913	...	913	...
44	The Government Medical Store Employees' Union, Bombay, (16th July 1937).	97	...	4	51	42	93	...
45	The Bombay Leather Workers' Union, Bombay, (20th August 1937).						Registration	
46	The Bombay Hair Cutting Saloon Workers' Union, Bombay, (28th August 1937).						Registration	
47	The Belapur Kamgar Union, (15th February 1939).	12	1,016	300	728	...	728	...
48	The Bombay Domestic Workers' Union, (20th February 1939).	184	...	25	159	...	159	...
	Total ...	2,755	1,246	831	3,060	110	3,170	...
	Employers' Associations.							
49	The Ahmedabad Bus Owners' Association, Ahmedabad, (21st January 1935).						Registration	
50	The Bombay Mutton Dealers' Union, Bombay, (27th April 1937).						Registration	

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General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
*0 5 0**	57 0 0	1 12 0	54 15 0	...	..	...	...
447 0 11	219 3 0	511 9 3	154 10 8	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
cancelled.							
cancelled.							
17 0 0	99 0 0	145 9 0	*—29 9 0*†	...	...	...	...
17,689 12 10	6,686 12 8	7,170 12 9	17,205 12 9	...	...	...	...
81 12 9	139 11 0	36 11 0	184 12 9	...	...	...	...
cancelled.							
cancelled.							
.....	353 3 0	35 0 6	318 2 6	...	...	...	...
.....	39 12 0	38 3 0	1 9 0	...	...	...	...
18,562 9 9	8,500 1 8	8,487 1 3	18,575 10 2	...	...	..	...
cancelled.							
cancelled.							

* Debit balance.

† Excess of expenditure over income.

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		At beginning of year.	Joined during year.	Left during year.	At end of year.			Subscribing to political fund.
					Males.	Females.	Total.	
	Employers' Association—concld.							
51	The Dhulia Nardhana Motor Owners' Union, Dhulia, (15th March 1938).	38	...	23	15	...	15	...
52	The Dhulia-Jalgaon Motor Owners' Union, (19th January 1939).	23	...	...	23	...	23	...
	Total ...	61	...	23	38	...	38	...
	Grand Total ...	48,972	10,644	8,619	49,495	1,502	50,997	...

A—*concld.*

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
308 0 0	1,433 0 0	1,253 0 0	488 0 0	...	...	...	...
21 0 0	174 0 0	84 2 0	110 14 0	...	...	...	...
329 0 0	1,607 0 0	1,337 2 0	598 14 0	...	...	...	...
1,10,711 3 1	71,604 2 5	69,620 10 9	1,22,494 8 9	...	...	...	...

FORM

Return of Federation registered at close of year.	Number of Unions.			
Name of Federation (and date of Registration).	At beginning of year.	Affiliated during year.	Disaffiliated during year.	At end of year.
The Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad, (23rd October 1935).	6	.....	.....	6
Total ...	6	.....	.....	6

B.

General Fund.				Political Fund.			
Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.	Opening balance.	Income.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
87,716 1 9	1,17,614 11 6	1,16,839 7 0	88,491 6 3	16,243 5 6	...	199 8 3	16,043 13 3
87,716 1 9	1,17,614 11 6	1,16,839 7 0	88,491 6 3	16,243 5 6	...	199 8 3	16,043 13 3

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